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THE NORTH CAROLINA NEGRO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

The North Carolina Negro Teachers' Association has become an important factor in the educational program of the State. It works in harmony with the State Board of Education in devising and executing plans for the promotion of education among the colored population of the State in the matter of securing adequate school facilities, longer school terms, better school attendance, better trained teachers, more effective co-ordination of the elementary, high school and college work, standardization of schools, etc.

While the association urges that teachers be paid salaries in keeping with their services as far as possible, it doubly stresses the fact that they owe it to themselves, the youth and the State to render their best service regardless of the amount of salary received.

The Association is rapidly growing in number, interest and usefulness. It now has a paid up membership of twenty-five hundred.

FORTY YEARS IN BUSINESS.

Forty years ago a young man went from Wilmington to Laurinburg and opened a little store. He had vision and self-reliance and gave up a good job with the government to go into business for himself. As a result of high ideals and the application of approved principles the venture has grown from year to year until now "Evans' White Front Store" is known throughout North Carolina as one of the assets of Laurinburg.

The story of Mr. Walter P. Evans' going to Laurinburg and of his rise in that town has in it elements of romance and tragedy. The fact that he has pursued an ideal all these years, and yet retains much of the vigor and enthusiasm of youth attests the mettle of the man.

Although having the responsibility of large and varied business interests, Mr. Evans finds time for participation in civic and religious affairs, and is a leader in our church at Laurinburg and in Yadkin Presbytery. His achievements in business and his developed gift of clear and forceful statement have created a demand for him as a speaker.

The Africo-American Presbyterian joins with his friends throughout the State and country in extending to Mr. Evans sincere felicitations.

ATHENS DAILY PAPER PAYS BEAUTIFUL TRIBUTE TO MRS. BRYDIE

(From The Banner-Herald, Athens, Ga.)

Mrs. Camilla Brydie, the widow of the late Eugene Brydie and one of the most beloved and highly respected of Athens colored citizens, died Monday, November 16, at 11 A. M. She had reached the ripe age of 74 and was apparently in good health. She was engaged in her daily duties at home when the summons from her Lord and Master came.

She was left a widow several years ago with the responsibility of rearing several children, all of whom were well educated and maintained the ideals of character and service instilled in them. They grew up to manhood and womanhood and are counted among the leaders in their varied fields of endeavor. Their mother was highly respected for the purity of her character and the radiant sweetness of her personality. In this she left a rare and valuable heritage to her children. All who knew her found in her always the joy of human sympathy and Christlike love. Her circle of interest was large. She gave unstintingly of the best within her to civic and religious work and was identified with many benevolent organizations of Athens.

She leaves to mourn their sad loss five daughters, Mrs. Georgie Gilbert and Miss Mattie Brydie of Athens, Miss Carrie Brydie of Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Virgil Mackay of Chicago, and Mrs. Sidney Williams of Charlotte; two sisters, Mrs. H. L. McCrorey of Charlotte and Mrs. Judith J. Harris, of Athens, many grandchildren, other relatives and friends. A lover especially of flowers and all that is beautiful she has gone where she shall find unlimited challenge to her tireless energy and noble aspirations.

The funeral services were held Thursday, November 19, at 3 P. M. at Hill's First Baptist church.

TELLING THE WESTERN CHURCHES ABOUT THE NEGRO.

By Rev. A. B. McCoy, D. D., Supt. of S. S. Missions.

I have been trying to find time to "write myself up," as "Uncle Billy" would say, but, newspaper writing not being along my line, I have deliberately put it off.

The Board of National Missions has been laying stress this month on the work that is being done on the field. Among those selected to go on the road was the writer who was assigned to the Synod of Iowa. We have been in 27 churches and have spoken 46 times since November 1. The people heard us gladly and sympathetically. This is the first time these people out here have ever heard a Negro from our Church speak of our Church work. There are many places here where there are no Negroes, not even in entire counties. Some places where I get off the train I am followed as an escape from Barnum and Baily. All are cordial, exceedingly so. The churches out here have contributed to the Negro work in the South more as a myth than in reality. This State is filled with Danes, Swedes, Scotchmen, etc., people who do not know anything about the Civil War or its cause of effect.

I thought Georgia and South Carolina produced some corn, but Iowa can show a stalk of corn for almost every pine tree in Georgia and Florida.

There are some places where our people have settled and there is hardly a place in the South where Christianity is less in evidence. They come out here and lose themselves. In a town where there are 500 to 1500 Negroes with two or three churches less than 150 are found on the church rolls.

These observations are the by-products of my trip. I was sent to tell the churches what the National Board is doing in the South among Negroes and we have every reason to believe that we won some friends for our work.

This question is being asked: "What are the Negroes doing to help themselves?" which

shows that the white man believes that the Negro should not forever be the object of charity.

I have been pleased to come across churches and persons who know Dr. Feaster, Dr. Long, Dr. Stinson and their work along with others. I have had the opportunity of going into Nebraska and So. Dakota, as well as Iowa. My, but I have missed that quartet! It was a great pity that they could not make the trip.

I finish here (Sioux City) tomorrow (Sunday) with six addresses, then I go back to my native land, where my loved ones await me, but, better still, where the opportunity for service, such as only a Sabbath school missionary can render, awaits me. I thank God that I am a Negro. I thank God that I am a Presbyterian. I thank God that I am a Sabbath school Missionary.

Sioux City, Iowa.

NATIONAL BOARD FACES DEBT PROBLEM.

The finance committee of the Board of National Missions November 12 reported that on that date the unpaid balance of the deficit of the last fiscal year was approximately \$440,000, and that on the basis of receipts from all sources applicable to the budget of the present year up to November 1 and of actual expenditures made for the same period there is indicated a deficit for the current year of nearly \$598,000. It was pointed out that unless the income of the board for the current year is much larger than the receipts of the first seven months would indicate, the board faces an accumulated deficit at the end of the present fiscal year of approximately \$1,038,000. In view of this situation the board voted that the budget of appropriations for the fiscal year 1926-'27 be fixed at \$500,000 less than the budget of appropriations of the current fiscal year 1925-'26, with the proviso that in case the deficit of last year and the threatened deficit for the current year should be met, by Mch. 31, 1926 a proportionate part of the cut in the appropriations shall be restored. This proviso is understood to mean that if the board ends the current fiscal year without debt the appropriation for the next fiscal year shall be the same as for the current year. If the year ends with an accumulated debt which is not more than one half the present estimated total, that is, \$1,025,000, the amount to be cut from the budget shall be proportionately less than \$500,000.—The Continent.

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COULTER ACADEMY NOTES

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On Monday evening a musicale was presented in the school auditorium by members of the faculty and local talent, under the direction of Miss Gates.

Tuesday evening members of the 7th and 8th grades presented a "Manless Wedding," under Miss Gillespie's direction. This was, as usual, a very amusing feature.

Wednesday evening a pageant play was presented by a number of pupils. Miss Wilson was the director.

Thursday at 11:30 A. M. we had our Thanksgiving services. Rev. J. C. Cox, of the A. M. E. Zion church, preached a soul-stirring sermon on "The Thanks Due Our Heavenly Father for His manifold Blessings." The Chorus rendered some beautiful Thanksgiving anthems.

At 2:30 Thursday our Annual Field Day was held. In spite of the very inclement weather it was quite a success. The entire school was divided into two teams—Reds and Greens. All of the games were contested between them. The points for the day were 22-17 in favor of the "Reds." Miss A. J. Pruitt

was captain of the Reds and Miss G. M. Wilson was captain of the "Greens." The athletic director was Prof. B. H. Walker and the judges were Dr. G. W. Long, Prof. W. R. Weston, and Dr. J. V. Hanna. The usual Thanksgiving Operetta by the Primary department was well rendered Thursday night. The operetta was: "Baby Brewster's Rooster." Mrs. Spencer is teacher of this department.

Owing to the many activities on Thursday we had our annual Thanksgiving dinner on Friday. Our guests included Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Haskew and sister, Miss Etsrada Miller, Mrs. York Strickland and Dr. J. Vincent Hanna, a dentist, who has recently come to our town.

Mr. Maceo Smyrl, who has been teaching at Walden College, was a visitor on our campus Saturday.

Dr. C. J. Baker, our Field Secretary, spent a few hours on the campus Saturday en route to Roanoke, Va.

We are very glad to have Mrs. D. T. Murray, of Chester, visit us for the week-end. Rev. D. T. Murray and Mr. Douglass Ayers, of Chester, motored over Sunday and were present at the morning services.

We are jubilant over the fact that the students of Coulter are taking so much interest in mission work this term. Two societies have been organized: "The Buds of Promise," composed of the Intermediate grades, under the leadership of Miss Gillespie, and "Willing Workers" Conference, composed of the older pupils, whose sponsor is Miss Pruitt. The societies meet semi-monthly and are very active.

During National Missions Week the school put on a rally to aid the church in raising its benevolence quota. The rally was in the form of a popular contest between the classes. Each class rallied well, but the second year class went over the top with the margin of only a few cents more than the 6th grade. The second year raised \$33.98 and the 6th grade \$33.58. Owing to the results of this rally the entire quota was raised. Cheraw, S. C.

NEGRO MUSIC HAS SUPERB RHYTHM.

H. L. Mencken, (white) versatile analyst of racial traits and embellishments, after showing deep appreciation for the development of Negro music by James Weldon Johnson, J. Rosamond Johnson, Will Marion Cook, and other high lights in the Negro musical world, goes to the heart of the virtues of music created and written by Negroes, by saying that their native rhythm is superb.

Says Mr. Mencken: "The rhythms of the Negro were superb, and so all that was needed to make good songs was their reinforcement with melody. That melody, it is highly probable, came from the camp-meeting, and at some time not earlier than the end of the eighteenth century. The whites in the South made no effort to educate their slaves in the arts, but they were greatly interested, after the first tours of Francis Wesley, in saving their souls, and that salvation was chiefly attempted, for obvious reasons, out of doors. There arose the camp-meeting—and the camp-meeting was a place of sturdy and even vociferous song. The Negroes memorized what they heard and then adapted it to their native rhythms. Thus the spirituals were born. To this day Methodist hymns seem banal to musicians because they lack variety of rhythm; nine-tenths of them bang along in the same depressing sing-song."

"But the Negro spirituals are full of rhythm of the utmost delicacy, and when they are sung properly—not by white frauds or high-toned deplorable Negroes—but by black singers, they give immense pleasure to lovers of music. Beethoven would have delighted in them, and Brahms, had he ever heard them, would have borrowed them for his uses, as indeed, Dvorak did after him."

Congress convenes next Monday. The World Court and other important questions are scheduled for consideration at this session.

MEETING OF CHARLESTON CHAPTER OF JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

On the 9th of November the above chapter met in Zion Presbyterian parsonage with the Rev. George E. Henderson, at 8 o'clock P. M. After prayer by the President, Dr. J. R. Pearson, the roll was called, the minutes of the previous meeting were read, approved and adopted.

After a free and full discussion relative to the debt hanging over the chime clock of our Alma Mater, the Chapter voted to conclude the payment of its pledge of no less than one hundred dollars toward the liquidation of the debt on the chime clock of Johnson C. Smith University, at our March meeting.

The following members paid their monthly dues and dues in arrears:

Rev. J. R. Pearson, D. D., 25 cents; Rev. S. H. Scott, 25 cents; Rev. M. A. Sanders, 25 cents; Rev. G. E. Henderson, 50 cents; Mr. A. J. Clement, 25 cents; Mr. E. C. Frierson, 25 cents; Mr. A. G. Sartor, \$10; W. L. Metz, 25 cents; total, \$12.25.

On motion the Chapter voted to pay one-half of its pledge at its next monthly meeting, December 14.

The chapter was favored by timely and brief remarks touching the aim and scope of the Chapter; and these brethren made it quite clear that the aim of this union is to keep the old Biddle spirit of loyalty alive with a fervor that will in time give Johnson C. Smith University the foremost place of schools of her class in the South; and second to none in the Negro race.

The Chapter adjourned and was served with a hot and delicious supper by Mrs. Geo. E. Henderson.

Our next monthly meeting, Wednesday after the second Sabbath, will be in the office of Dr. H. S. Johnson, 346 King St. Refreshments will be served by W. L. Metz and H. S. Johnson, the latter being the Treasurer of the Chapter while the former is Secretary.

This Chapter was organized in the Spring of 1916 with only three members—Clement, Pearson and Metz. Its first effort to raise money for Biddle was in May, 1917. It had tickets printed with Biddle colors attached, with 1867 and 1917 printed on each blue ticket; and these tickets were placed in the hands of several attractive ladies at Biddle's semi-centennial, June 1917, to be sold at twenty-five cents each. This idea netted a sum of \$30.00.

Now the Charleston Chapter is not certain, but makes bold to say that this is Biddle's oldest Chapter and the first to make an effort as such, to raise funds for the institution. If we are wrong in our claim it is for the ones holding seniority to hold up their hands and offset our claim.

W. L. METZ, Secretary of Charleston Chapter.

SUPERINTENDENTS' CONFERENCE.

The Sunday school Superintendents of the Western District of the Presbytery of Yadkin held their semi-annual meeting on Thursday, November 26th, at Mount Tabor Presbyterian church in 1838, and, as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of one of the largest Presbyterian churches of Macon, brought greetings to the Synodical.

The first forty minutes was spent in a Thanksgiving service. The 95th Psalm was read by the Secretary and a number of interesting talks were made by those present. After a very interesting Thanksgiving service the program was taken up.

Discussion on "The Superintendent as a Bible Student and Teacher" was opened by Mr. T. L. Hart. He made a very interesting talk and brought out some helpful points on the importance of the Superintendent knowing the Bible.

Short talks were made on this subject by Mr. W. A. Howard, Mr. D. S. Alexander and Superintendent A. Coble.

The next subject was "The Week Day Educational Program of the Sunday School," by Superintendent Wm. A. Cowan. He mentioned the educational program of the Church and the part the Sunday school is expected to play in this program.

He stressed the importance of the D. V. B. S., and its value to the church and community. He said the home, the Sunday school, and the church should co-operate in the religious education of the youth. Many helpful suggestions were made by the Superintendents present.

The last subject on the program was: "Are the Sunday Schools Giving Our Young People Proper Training in Religious Activities." This subject was assigned to Mr. Jno. A. Smoot. He being absent Mr. A. Coble made a brief but interesting talk on the subject. He mentioned some of the activities that the young people might be engaged in that will help them to be more active in church work as they grow older.

Some very good suggestions were offered by Messrs. D. S. Alexander, T. L. Hart, Jno. H. Smith and W. A. Howard.

The report of the district worker, Jno. H. Smith, showed that the schools in the district are taking on new life and much improvement is being made by the Superintendents.

The following officers were elected for the year ending with November, 1926.

President, Mr. Wm. A. Howard.

Vice-President, Mr. P. W. Steele.

Treasurer, Mr. H. C. Cowan.

Secretary, Jno. H. Smith.

Assistant Secretary, Mr. S. W. Chambers.

District Worker, Jno. H. Smith.

Assistant District Worker, Mr. P. W. Steele.

The Junior choir of Mount Tabor church furnished most excellent music for the meeting. This is a splendid choir of young people—one of the best in the Western District.

The ladies of the church served a delightful Thanksgiving dinner after the service. It was enjoyed by all.

The next meeting will be held at Church Street Presbyterian church, Salisbury, on the third Thursday in August, 1926, at 2 P. M.

JNO. H. SMITH, Secretary.

ATLANTIC SYNODICAL SOCIETY.

The Synodical Missionary Society of the Synod of Atlantic convened in Washington Avenue Presbyterian church, Macon, Ga., Thursday, October 29, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., Mrs. A. A. Jones presiding.

Devotional service was conducted by Mrs. S. D. Thom, of Atlanta, Ga.

Many new plans and suggestions were presented for the benefit of the Synodical, Presbyterials and local societies.

We were favored by the presence of Miss Maud Kinniburgh, Dean of Barber College, Anniston, Ala., and representing the Woman's National and Foreign Boards. She was indeed a source of inspiration and information throughout the meeting.

We were pleased to have among our visitors Mesdames Clyde King and H. B. Mozo (white) of the city. Mrs. King made a very timely address and gave a brief history of the organization of Washington Avenue Presbyterian church in 1838, and, as president of the Woman's Auxiliary of one of the largest Presbyterian churches of Macon, brought greetings to the Synodical.

By the request of the President, Miss Kinniburgh, in a most pleasing manner, extending greeting to those visiting ladies.

The reports of the different secretaries and delegates were very encouraging.

Friday night the popular meeting was held, presided over by our President, Mrs. A. A. Jones. The devotional service was conducted by Mrs. W. L. Metz. The Synodical was most cordially welcomed to Washington Avenue church and to the homes of the members and friends in an address by Miss Ruth Thompson, to which an appropriate response was made by Mrs. G. W. Long.

After the rendering of two very appropriate solo selections by Mr. Glasco, of Macon, and Mrs. I. D. Davis, of Columbia, S. C., the President, Mrs. A. A. Jones, introduced Miss Maude

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