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INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS

Report of the Secretaries, Nov. 18, 1925.

During the year your Secretary has made promotion trips in Canada, and through out the Southern States in an extensive tour in Missouri, and a visit in the southwest to southern California and back through the Central States. During the period while the schools were going on, both the Secretary and the Assistant studied vacation schools in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, Tennessee, Arkansas, Kansas and Colorado. In the latter State, they gave courses in the International Training School and in the Western Slope Training School. The Secretary has represented the Association in attendance upon the Executive Committee and the Committee of Education of the International Council; at the Southern Baptist Convention; the Foreign Missions Conferences; the Virginia, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and Maryland State Conventions; the Laymen's League; and has also met with the Episcopal District leaders; the Executive Committee of the Religious Education Council of Canada and has spoken at Carroll and Ripon Colleges, Wisconsin, and to group leaders in Richmond, Pittsburgh and Washington. The Assistant Secretary represented the Association at the Delaware, New Jersey and Virginia State Conventions; and the Philadelphia Training Institute and conducted an Experimental School in Denver while the Secretary was teaching the Training School at Geneva Glen, Colorado.

In the United States the developments of the past year have been largely through the active promotion of denominational leaders and the different denominational representatives in the field. A number of the State Councils of Religious Education have been very aggressive in promotion and the Church Federations in the large cities have been successful agents for the vacation schools. The American Sunday School Union has carried the vacation school to more than two hundred rural frontier sections.

The training of vacation school teachers has been taken up actively in summer training schools during the winter and in a vastly increasing number of institutes scattered throughout the country. Series of text books and promotion literature for use in vacation schools were published this year by the Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist, Southern Presbyterian, Southern Baptists, Disciples, Brethren, and Congregational Boards, the Standard Publishing Company and the American Sunday School Union. The Association issued this year 25,000 Handbooks which were distributed to all parts of the world. The inquiries to the central office this year decreased slightly through the distribution to various subsidiary agencies. The correspondence for advice and promotion was considerably increased. The books, accounts and raising of finances occupied a large proportion of the time and attention of the office, where Miss Mildred Huntoon, and her successor Miss Muriel Pratt, have done splendid service. The Secretary, the Assistant and the office staff gave considerable attention during the year to the finances of the International Council and the members of the Board assisted the Council substantially in removing its deficit and making plans for its financial future.

Membership on the part of the International Council has given increased opportunity for the spread of the vacation school idea and this together with the fact that the Council

has met the small deficit at the end of the fiscal year of the Association are indications of the wisdom of your Board in bringing about a closer relationship between these two organizations. Mr. Magill, General Secretary of the Council, and all the other members of the Staff have assisted in every manner possible in the promotion of the vacation school, and the personal contacts within the Staff have been very pleasant indeed.

The Home Extension funds of the Association were used this year in giving assistance towards frontier promotion in Arkansas and Colorado, to special promotion among the Mexicans in Texas and to the Maritime Provinces in Canada. Foreign Extension funds were given to Cuba, Brazil, Bulgaria, Korea, Japan and the Philippine Islands—Schools in the Philippines increased one hundred per cent and in Korea three hundred per cent. The attached graph gives a vivid and interesting picture of the development of the vacation school idea. Evidently this form of religious education is destined to be carried wherever the Church has gone and in some cases has proven to be a very successful pioneer method, leading to the establishment later of Sunday Schools and churches. The future of the promotion of the vacation school would seem to go hand in hand with the new program of religious education as it is now seriously promoted by the denominations, the missions boards, the religious education councils and the Church Federations. Since the vacation school has only been established thus far in less than twenty per cent of the churches and Sunday Schools in this and other countries, it is clear that there is still much work to be done by this Association, in all parts of the world. Special emphasis during the coming year should be made in the work among the Negroes, foreign sections of great cities, migrant laborers, and especially in the great foreign fields of the Church.

The Secretaries of the office staff have found constant pleasure in trying to carry out the plans and policies of the Association and the Board of Directors and they appreciate especially the many courtesies of the President, Mr. Colgate; the Treasurer, Mr. Cheney, and the members of the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
THOMAS ST. CLAIR EVANS,
Secretary.

ADALINE C. GUENTHER, Assistant.

HARBISON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE NOTES.

By Mrs. A. P. Butler

Sunday, November 22, Rev. J. G. Porter preached a splendid Thanksgiving sermon, taking as his text Psalm 95:1. He pictured to us the many reasons why we should be thankful. Among other things he said that we should be thankful for the age in which we live.

Thanksgiving services were conducted in the chapel Thursday morning, November 26, Prof. R. N. Toatley presiding. The speakers were Mr. Snite and Prof. Sartor and Boulware. Each one gave some useful thoughts on the subject which he discussed.

That night we were highly entertained by the teachers and students of the Parochial school. Although the weather was unfavorable, the children with their parents crowded in, which reminded us of commencement time.

Mrs. Porter is untiring in

her efforts in doing much to advance education and morals among the people of this community.

Saturday, November 21, a football game was played on the college gridiron against Brewer Normal. After a hard fight Brewer won. Accompanying the team were several of their girls, two of the lady teachers and their principal. After supper, a short program was rendered in the chapel in their honor. Our President made a short talk and introduced Principal Hylard, who made a very interesting talk.

Friday night, December 4, we had our second conduct party which was very successful. Only students who have an average of ninety per cent in behavior are allowed to attend. The dining room was beautifully decorated with autumn leaves. Each boy was given a favor as he entered. Several games were played, such as potato racing, shoe racing, apple eating, fortune telling, etc.

After the games the following menu was served: salmon sandwiches and hot tea; ice cream and cakes and apples. Everybody was highly pleased and said that they would strive to be at the next one.

The Y. M. C. A., under the leadership of Mr. Amos Smith, is making rapid strides. A new feature of the Association is the recreation hour, when games are played by the different classes under the supervision of the president.

The ladies of the Missionary Society rendered an interesting program on the fifth Sunday, taking as their subject, "Alaska."

Dr. J. M. Miller, of Blackville and Rev. H. McFadden, of Allendale, were pleasant visitors on the campus recently.

The Woman's Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. R. W. Boulware. Several important questions were discussed. We finished our quilt at this meeting. The hostess served delicious ice cream.

MARY POTTER SCHOOL

NEW DORMITORY TO BE DEDICATED

Mary Potter School has just completed one of the finest dormitories in the State for boys. It is a sister to Berry Hall of Johnson C. Smith. The faculty and students and the entire community justly feel proud of this building. The building is named Pittsburgh Hall. Friends around Pittsburgh having given the largest part of the money, it was named for them.

Mary Potter was unfortunate in having another fire October 11. This time the main building was partly destroyed. The fire caught from a spark falling on the roof. The building has been put back in use. The regular class room work was disorganized for a few days, but no time was lost.

The friends of Mary Potter are invited to the dedication of Pittsburgh Hall December 16. We would be delighted to have as many of the members of the Synod of Catawba to attend the dedication as can come.

The boys moved into the building Saturday, November 28th. The grounds are now being graded and we hope to have things in good shape by the 16th.

G. C. SHAW.

Oxford, N. C.,
Dec. 3.

The Galilean Carpenter has built life's grandest things. He is the one Statesman after whom the best statesmen copy. He is the one Musician who struck the keynote of the world's scoreless songs.—Rev. C. F. Sherrill.

LETTER TO PRESIDENT COOLIDGE

Text Made Public of Demand That President in Fairness and Consistency Abolish Federal Segregation and Right Other Wrongs.

Boston, Mass., Nov. 30, 1925.—As the second move of its proposed 150th Declaration of Independence Anniversary Drive for rights by the race, the National Equal Rights League today made public the text of its memorial to President Coolidge to make good on his Omaha speech against race prejudice. The memorial reads as follows and carries specifications on segregation.

Washington, D. C.,
October 17, 1925.

To the Honorable Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States

The National Equal Rights League in its Eighteenth Annual Convention assembled, greets you, and bespeaks for your unusual mental, physical and spiritual imbuement, that you may the better meet and perform the manifold and trying duties of the great office of President of the United States to which you were elevated by an unprecedented vote of confidence by the citizens of this Republic.

This organization prides itself in being the only organization of color to publicly declare its allegiance to and support of, the Republican Party in the national election of November, 1924, and believes that its pronouncement was made in time to prevent a serious defection of the colored vote from the Republican Party, despite the determined efforts of many of the most prominent and influential representatives of the race to entice away the support of the colored vote from the publican ticket, and we believe that the attitude taken by the League encouraged the colored voters to remain loyal to the Grand Old Party.

Therefore in the name of this League and the American Citizens of color, we appeal to you to use both your personal influence and the power of your great office to right the wrongs this group of your loyal constituents suffers as a result of race hatred; among the most aggravated are the following, to wit:

The segregation and discrimination against employees of color in Federal Departments at the National Capital (herewith is attached a list of the places where the segregation and discrimination are practiced.)

2nd. The failure, since the election, to recognize by executive appointment to Federal office, any representative of our group, which we feel the race is entitled to by reason of its loyalty to and support of, the Republican Party.

The League recognizes and appreciates the present large number of employees of our group in the Executive Departments, but we know that they are there because of the successful competition in Civil Service examinations and Congressional appointments, and are handicapped and humiliated because of segregation.

3rd. The barbarous practice of lynching, peculiar to the United States of America, stands out as the greatest blight upon American civilization and makes our Constitution and laws a by-word in the eyes of the nations of the world. Against this crime of humanity we especially invoke and solicit your active and determined opposition, and pray and implore you to recommend the passage of the Dyer Anti-Lynching Bill, or similar legislation on mob violence.

Finally, this League wishes

to express to you our admiration and renewed confidence in your sense of justice and fairness as evidenced in your address to the American Legion of Omaha, Neb., and feel that we can safely trust you to actively engage yourself in righting the wrongs and adjusting the grievances herein complained of.

Since the immortal Gettysburg address of President Lincoln for Liberty and Equality and the Constitution, there have been few presidential utterances which have so justly recognized the obligation of every racial element and its willing fulfillment by the colored element, among others, to give life itself for his country, when the hour of danger strikes. While appealing to all the people against racial hatred and discrimination in time of peace, you most ungrudgingly named the American sons of African descent as a part of the patriotic unity, hence this memorial.

In Re: Segregation in the Departments

1. Office of Register of the Treasury—
Two segregated sections: One with 30 colored employees and one with 14 colored employees.
2. Navy Department—
One segregated section of 18 colored employees and segregated lunch-room.
3. Census Bureau—
Segregated division of 60 colored employees.
4. Bonus section of War Department—
Segregated section of 180 colored employees.
5. Veterans' Bureau—
Segregated section of 14 colored employees.
6. Department of Justice, File room—
Segregated section of 4 colored employees.
7. Internal Revenue—
Segregated section of 7 colored employees.
8. Treasury Department of the United States—
Segregated section of 4 colored employees.
9. War Department, Transportation Division, Winder Building—
Segregated section of 5 colored employees.
10. Forester Division—
Segregated section of 7 colored employees.
11. Post Office Department Segregated lunch-room.
12. Sixth Auditor's Office—
Segregated washroom.
13. Government Printing Office—
Segregated lunch-room.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH NOTES, SALISBURY.

On Friday evening, November 27th, we were glad to have with us, Rev. Z. A. Dockery in our Teachers' meeting. After the Teachers' meeting closed a meeting was opened for business. Rev. Dockery brought to us a wonderful plan which we are putting forth great effort to carry out.

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. Morton last Friday at 4 o'clock. It was Social Day.

On Sunday, November 29th, we were glad to have with us many visiting friends. Among them was Mrs. Annie Snipes, formerly Mrs. Boulware. Mrs. Eldora Boger and Mr. Jenkins of High Point were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie White, on West Monroe Street. We also had with us some of the teachers of Spencer.

The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society met at the usual hour last Sabbath and was conducted by Mr. Charles McCormick. Visitors present were Mr. James Manus, Mr. Fair and Mr. Bingham.

After the Christian Endeavor meeting we listened to a wonderful sermon. We had with us Rev. Cowan, a splendid young man from Johnson C. Smith University.

MARIE E. COWAN.

WARD GOES TO TOLEDO, OHIO.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Southern Virginia, November 24th, at Newport News, Va., the Rev. C. A. Ward, D. D., was, at his own request, released from the pastorate of the Carver Memorial church, and given his letter of dismissal from Southern Virginia Presbytery to the Presbytery of Toledo, where he will take charge of Grace Presbyterian church, Toledo, Ohio.

We sincerely regret to lose from our Presbytery such a valuable man. The Presbytery has never had a more useful or more energetic man. During the ten years he served at Carver Memorial his work was constructive. He sought to become acquainted with the people of that community. He studied their tastes, habits and wants. He sought as well to please and to do them all the good he could. He very carefully planned the work, not only for himself, but for his people, and, as an evidence, he and his faithful co-workers have erected one of the most substantial, beautiful and modern church edifices in Southern Virginia Presbytery. The edifice will stand as a monument to his untiring work.

Dr. Ward was identified with all of the progressive activities that pertained to the growth of the community. He stood high in the various fraternal orders and was recently elected to one of the high offices of the Pythians in the State.

The preaching of Dr. Ward was purely evangelical, forceful, and convincing, supported

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RACES WORKING TOGETHER.

(From the Kansas City Star.)

Probably in no other period in American history has there been so marked an advance in racial harmony and understanding as in the last five or six years. Just prior to this period, immediately following the World War, there were race riots of serious proportions in several American cities and friction and antagonism were in evidence rather generally. The millenium has not yet approached in matters affecting the races, but in the last few years there have been some developments that form a remarkable contrast to the events not only of the post-war period but to previous decades.

The holding of a series of inter-racial conferences in Illinois cities this month is but one evidence of the changed conditions. Meetings have already been arranged for six cities and others are in prospect at additional centers. At these gatherings men and women of both races will deal with problems of mutual concern, with housing, health, education, recreation and church life. Local conditions will be gone over and programs formulated in accordance with local needs. The principle of friendly co-operation is to be dominant.

There has been extensive effort of the same character in many parts of the country. In hundreds of counties in the South inter-racial groups have been at work for several years. The idea of a mutual and frank expression of views, of an exchange of opinion and an understanding of racial differences and of possible sources of friction has had expression in various cities outside the South to which large numbers of Negroes have recently moved. Kansas City has had a part in this work, not only in inter-racial gatherings, but in moves to better the housing, health and working conditions of the Negroes.

Much, of course, remains to be done, here and elsewhere. Only a start has been made. But it is a start in the right direction and in a spirit that is full of promise.