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MR. GEORGE B. LOGAN.

We are publishing in this issue an account of the celebration of the eightieth birthday of Mr. George B. Logan of Pittsburgh, Pa., whose many years of service through the Board of Missions for Freedmen have meant so much to the cause of evangelism and education among the colored people in the South. Dr. S. J. Fisher, President of the Board of Missions for Freedmen, in a private letter to us, in speaking of the long and faithful service of Mr. Logan, says: "In addition to his interest in every good work in Pittsburgh, he has been for 31 years one of the most devoted and generous members of our Board."

The Afro-American Presbyterian, on behalf of the colored constituency of our Church, extends to Mr. Logan sincere congratulations on his completion of four score years of life, with a prayer for God's blessings to rest upon him during his remaining years.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EIGHTIETH BIRTHDAY OF MR. GEORGE B. LOGAN.

(Dr. S. J. Fisher in The Presbyterian Banner.)

Mr. Logan is one of the prominent laymen of the Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, an elder in the North Presbyterian church, a member of the Board of Freedmen, and for many years President of the Board of Trustees both of the Western Theological Seminary and the Presbyterian Hospital. These two institutions owe much to Mr. Logan's interest and generosity. On Monday evening, December 21, his family and a few intimate friends gathered at his residence on Lincoln Avenue, North Side, to celebrate this happy occasion.

The Board of the Seminary took note of the event in this manner:

Dear Brother:—At the last meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Western Theological Seminary, I was directed to convey to you their congratulations upon the celebration of your eightieth birthday, and to express to you their high appreciation of your years of usefulness in connection with the Board and its important work. As for a considerable time the President of the Board, and continuously a member of its important committees, you have rendered hearty and conscientious service, meeting every responsibility with an unflinching Christian devotion, and by your generous contributions increasing its financial resources, and encouraging those interested in

the maintenance of the Seminary. Your marked interest and confidence has not been diminished by the increased years or the trials and griefs through which your Heavenly Father has called you to pass; and you have been "diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord," "obeying at eve the voice obeyed at prime."

That your life and powers of usefulness, in which you have found so much joy, may be long continued, and your example and devotion continue to shine upon us and the world, is our earnest prayer.

Some of the members of the Board have requested that the Secretary add a few verses which may help to emphasize our congratulations, and your value to the cause of our common Lord and Redeemer.

A good man's life is ever upward led,
And grows the finer with each love-filled day;
For long ago 'twas said by one inspired,
"His steps are ordered, when God guides his way."

Youth has its charm, its promise and its hope,
But never bud was precious as the flower,
And though we're glad of boyish shout and play,
There's naught so rich as life's maturer hour.

Four score of years have ripened rich and full
The mind, and heart, as only time can bring
The larger knowledge, faith, and calm and peace
To him who honors always Christ as King.

"If they be four score" yet might the Psalmist tell
How sorrow knows and labor sees a sunset ray,
The household love, the friends, and service joys
May still enrich the life; an ever brightening way.

The Negro, struggling 'neath his heavy load,
Called out your gifts and prayers and sympathies,
The hospital you gladly helped to free,
The sick and wounded from each dread disease.

You gave your child so loved, that she might bear,
To China's burdened souls that radiant Cross,
And dreamed, that in her tasks you had a share,
And found, Christ's promise true—a gain in loss.

That ministers of Christ might speak and serve,
With well-trained minds, and burnished, Heaven-touched thought,
And sacred schools might spread the precious Word,
With purse and time and reverent mind you wrought.

We crown him with the laurel of our praise,
This humble man we cherish as our friend;
In Christ he lives, from Christ he gains the grace,
Thru sorrow's shade to walk unto the end.

—S. J. Fisher.

THE PUBLIC WELFARE INSTITUTE AT WINSTON-SALEM.

The Public Welfare Institute, held last week for two days in Winston-Salem at the Teachers' College, under the direction of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, justified in every respect the favorable mention made of the program and announcement in one of the recent issues of the Afro-American Presbyterian.

The forty persons enrolled included the employed and prospective welfare and charity workers.

Much credit is due Lieut. L. A. Oxley, Director of Negro Welfare Work in the State, for originating and carrying out this Institute idea. The class room work was listed as follows:
1. Social Work — History, Scope and Object, by the State Commissioner, Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson.
2. Community Organization:
(a) Nature and Structure of the Community.
(b) Organizing the Community for Health, Recreation, etc., by Lieut. L. A. Oxley.

3. Social Case Work, Records, etc.
- (a) Principles of Case Work.
- (b) Record-Keeping — What and Why, by Miss Lily E. Mitchell.
- (c) Juvenile Court—Probation.
- (d) School Attendance—Child Labor, by Mr. A. W. Cline.
4. Round Table Conference.
- Type Cases—
5. Special Problems.
- (a) Insane—Feeble Minded. Types defined.
- (b) The Negro Mental Defective.
- (c) Mental Tests and Measurements.

The evening speakers were Dr. S. G. Atkins, Mr. Hoyle Sink, representing the Governor; Mrs. W. A. Newell, of the Interracial Commission; Mr. Roy M. Brown, University of North Carolina; Mr. N. C. Newbold of the State Department of Education; Dean U. S. Turner, of Shaw University; Dr. Howard W. Odum, University of North Carolina.

Representing Charlotte were Mrs. H. L. McCrorey on the State Advisory Committee, which had a profitable meeting preceding the Institute, and Mrs. Hattie F. Russell, city welfare worker.

Dr. and Mrs. Atkins and their able corps of workers saw to it that the Teachers' College was at its best in hospitality. The Bureau of Work Among Negroes of the North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare was established January 1, 1925. The purpose which led to the creation of this important Bureau was to meet in some measure a long recognized need for a constructive State-wide program of public welfare work for Negroes. Two objectives of the Bureau are: intelligent study of Negro life with its social problems, and the development of programs in the community through the stimulating of cooperative self-help effort on the part of the Negroes. With the development of this program has come the demand for trained Negro social workers. It is to meet this demand that this first Institute was held.

"Happy the man and happy he alone
He who calls Today his own,
He who secure within can say,
Tomorrow, do thy worst, I have lived today."

SIDELIGHTS
HERE AND THERE

The reference made by Dr. W. L. Metz, Stated Clerk of Atlantic Synod, about Rev. Mackenzie Long (white) of Macon, Ga., was very fitting to the man. Rev. Long is from North Carolina (Statesville), and is the son of the late Judge B. F. Long, one of the State's most distinguished jurists. His coming into the ministry is particularly worthy of notice. Everybody who knows anything about him is of the opinion that he is a man set apart to do the Lord's work after spending some years in another profession. Rev. Mr. Long is a talented artist, having studied under the best teachers of this country and abroad. Under God's direction he deserted the field of art for a broader field—the ministry. He preached in his home town before he went to Georgia—something few men can do successfully—and when he left there were many expressions of regret. Rev. Mr. Long is a manly man and believes in right and justice to all men. He comes from a long line of staunch Christians and Presbyterians.

Some years ago his distinguished father did in North Carolina what several of the States in the Union must do. He put fear into the hearts of those who held to no respect for the laws of the State. Some race trouble broke out in Winston-Salem and a mob quickly formed to stage a lynching. The sheriff got busy and made arrests of several men. The grand jury returned true bills and every man who came before Judge Long got a prison sentence. This gave Judge Long the distinction of being the first judge who ever convicted the members of a mob. It was a long forerunner of what happened to the members of a mob recently at Asheville under another good judge. We hope it will be long-winded enough to

be a forerunner for Mississippi. The white Presbyterians and colored, too, are fortunate in having Rev. Mr. Long as a citizen of Macon. He is a credit to any community.

Dr. W. J. Rankin, of Aberdeen, is still in the Presbyterian Church. We saw him recently and confirmed that fact. Somebody, sometime ago, circulated the news that he was about to quit the Presbyterian Church for another denomination. If the circulator of the news intended it for a joke, it was a very crude one. If it was for other sinister reasons, it did not take well with the men who know him. Dr. Rankin informed us that he is much alive in the denomination of his choice and is actively engaged in the work of his churches and school, all of which we are glad to know. The Church could not well afford to lose a man of his standing and ability, only by the hand of Providence intervening. Outside of His intervention, we hope Dr. Rankin will still have the confidence of the Church everywhere for a long time, notwithstanding his seeming enemies to the contrary. The Greek adage, "Overdo nothing," applies very strikingly here.

The popularity of Presbyterian ministers seem to be increasing immensely. What with two of them being presented with cars and a return gift for one of the two of a fifteen pound turkey with all necessary accessories to make it more palatable, we know that both of these brethren, Rev. E. W. Carpenter, of Long Island, N. Y., and Rev. H. C. Miller, of Greensboro, N. C., feel pretty chesty. Well, we cannot blame them, for indeed it has been a rarity very conspicuously shown for Presbyterian ministers to get any kind of gifts. Go to it, brethren! It maybe an incentive for some of the rest to get as much as a sized fivver, or a three pound pullet as a gift next Christmas.

Rev. S. A. Downer passed through a city in which we were recently. He looked well and prosperous. In fact he is developing an embryonic bay window. Dr. Downer still holds his popularity as the successful pastor of Shiloh Presbyterian church, of Knoxville, Tenn. By reason of the fact that he has identified himself with the affairs which generally affect the welfare of the people of Knoxville of our race he is looked upon as a conservative leader with wise and progressive ideas. He invited us to take a trip with him next summer to Canada. That's a long jump for our "fivver." We have only been accustomed to going from the home base for a few hundred miles, but by reason of the fact that we dug down in our own "jeans" and bought us a car out of the "fivver" class, we are thinking strongly of taking up the good doctor's proposition.

That idea of "Uncle Billy's" our very active President of the Alumni Association, is very good. Alumni chapters ought to exist everywhere, wherever enough men can be found. We are going to try to talk it up among the men in our section. We may quarrel with "Uncle Billy" in some things, but nobody can quarrel with him in this. The chimes ought to be paid for, and by organization, they can be paid for. Every graduate or one time student who has any pride in the institution which made it possible for them to live, will gladly give what he can.

The Charleston Chapter is not only an organization, but an organization which functions smoothly. The results show that. Let's have more chapters like the Charleston Chapter.

SIDELIGHTER
THE FAIRVIEW SCHOOL OPENING.

A large, enthusiastic audience at the formal opening of the new Fairview School, Tuesday evening, attested the interest and pride of the colored people in that school, one of the finest in construction and appointments in the city school system. We hope at another time to give an account of the opening exercises and a full description of the building and equipment.

AN APPEAL

Atlanta, Ga.,
January 21, 1926.

To the Ministers and Members of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., District of Colored Synods:

My beloved Friends:
We have but a few weeks left in which to redeem our Benevolence pledges which we made in all good faith last Spring for the support of our General Assembly Boards. The report of the Central Receiving Agency of the General Council shows that we are away behind in meeting these obligations. This report gives the figures up to December 31, 1925.

You will permit me to remind you again that the Church, through its Assembly, Boards and General Councils, has as much regard for the benevolence offerings of the smallest churches of our group as for those of the largest and wealthiest and that the Boards borrow on your and my pledge of support and expect us to feel the same responsibility for the carrying on of the great missionary enterprises of the Church at home and on the foreign fields.

Dr. Wm. S. Marquis, whom so many of us have learned to love for his brotherly attitude toward us as he has mingled with us at meetings of our Synods, said this in a recent letter: "If we could have the same spirit at work in our strong Synods in the North which fills the hearts of your pastors and people there would be no difficulty about raising a \$15,000,000 budget." May I not beg you to do all that is humanly possible with Divine help during the remaining days of the Church year to measure up to this high encomium of our friend who believes in us—not for his praise, but for the glory of God and for the relief which our benevolences will afford suffering humanity.

Let us remember all of the Boards; the Budget is built upon the needs and askings of each Board as it seeks to carry out the will of the General Assembly in the missionary undertakings of our beloved Church. Every Board needs its proportionate share of each church's quota.

Your servant,
C. J. BAKER,
Secretary.

MILLER MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES, BIRMINGHAM, ALA.

Mrs. E. F. Roberts, Reporter.

The pastor, Rev. William Sample, is growing more eloquent with the passing of each week. His sermon, "Say So" from Psalm 107:2, "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy," is an example of his eloquence. Only the redeemed can say so for the Lord. Some may sing, play, preach or teach, or whatever one's talent may be, he should "Say So" for the Lord. Let us all "Say So" for the Lord.

The meeting of the East Tennessee Synod has been an inspiration which has lasted throughout these months. During the preparation for its coming, members were brought together and worked in harmony as they never had before. If they had personal differences these were all forgotten and every action was to make the visitors' stay pleasant while in our church and city. The influence of certain personnel of the Synod has been a source of inspiration. The talk made in the popular meetings by Rev. J. B. Barber, Drs. C. E. Tucker, S. A. Downer, C. J. Baker and Dr. Marquis have served to enlighten the members of the Presbyterian work as never before. The choir has found use for all numbers rendered by the East Tennessee quartet. The ladies Missionary Society has been busy all the while since, in order to send a more glowing report next year. All because they know more of the work after having listened to Mrs. Brazleton and Mrs. C. E. Tucker. Now that some time has passed the church is still working together to put things over. Many activities have been executed.

A Christmas bazaar which lasted a week, carried out by

the Ladies' Missionary Society, netted about \$52.00. It was well supported by all Enon Ridge and Smithfield.

The Wednesday night supper which are prepared in the church kitchen, are bringing out the social side of our church and increasing the missionary treasure. The movement is one which comes from Mrs. William Sample and is being successfully carried out.

The Men's Club and the Ladies' Missionary Society are having a joint meeting on the first Friday night in the month, where they take up the mission study, "The Story of Missions." The young people are also active in this study. At the last meeting a menu of sandwiches, fruit salad, chocolate, and ice cream was served by the Men's Club.

There was quite a number present at the "Watch Service." Sentence expressions were made by all present. At the close of the service a special fellowshiping was carried out while members sang "Revive Us Again." This symbolized the throwing off of personal differences and a willingness to work together during the New Year.

The pastor, Rev. William Sample, spent a week at Miller's Ferry Institute, Miller's Ferry, Ala., where a week of prayer was held. He reports having left an entire Christian student body. He is very much elated over the spirit which exists at Miller's Ferry. The school is located 10 miles from the railroad and the students have just completed a drive in which \$1100 was raised to install lights and water. This school is controlled by the United Presbyterian Church.

Plans have been completed for installing steam heat in our building. A bid of \$1,475 has been accepted and passed upon and the actual work will begin at an early date.

The school department has had a very successful beginning. An enrollment of 275 children is noted in the elementary and junior high school departments.

Mrs. Beatrice K. White, teacher of the elementary department, has found it necessary to resign, as her household duties are such that she can not continue her work any longer. Mrs. William Sample has accepted the place and is carrying on the work successfully.

The Sunday school is conducting a service with the Juvenile Court children two Sundays in a month. Their efforts are very acceptable. Mr. B. E. Hucabee, Jr., has been elected reporter, and secretary of Sunday school records.

A drive with the "Reds" against the "Blues" has been launched to pay for the electric bulletin board. A Dollar Day will be observed during the month of February. Mrs. L. C. Curry is captain of the Blues and Mrs. E. D. Bolden is captain of the Reds.

It is very sad to note the death of Mrs. Lavinia Jenkins' husband, who died with pneumonia a few days ago. He was a member of the Congregational church, but Mrs. Jenkins is one of our oldest charter members. A beautiful floral design, as a token of our sympathy, was given by our church.

Dr. R. B. Maclin has been confined to bed for a week. It is hoped that he will soon be able to practice again.

Mr. B. L. Greer has been unable to work this week. It is hoped that he will be well and out again soon.

Dan Cupid is very busy playing his pranks. It is hoped that Mrs. B. K. White, Mrs. K. Wilhite Kennedy, Miss Hawthorne Glenn, Mr. R. B. Hutchins and Mr. U. S. Bryant will be happy victims of Dan Cupid.

A CARD OF THANKS

We desire to use this simple means of expressing our heartfelt thanks to our host of friends for loving sympathy. This sympathy and comfort, shown by word and deed, came in the hour of bereavement caused by the death of our beloved daughter and sister, Esther Lavinia.

Our will is in harmony with the great will of our Heavenly Father who loves us with an everlasting love.

THE SHUTE FAMILY,
Johnson C. Smith University.