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EDITORIAL NOTES

His friends throughout the Church will rejoice in the fact that Dr. I. H. Russell has been restored to health and is able to take up his work again.

Rev. T. G. Williamson, who, for a number of years had been the minister of our church at Elizabethtown, died Wednesday of last week. He was an earnest and faithful preacher of the gospel and was active not only in the churches on his special field, but gave largely of his time and energy to the promotion of the work in the Presbytery.

A letter from Dr. C. Dillard, of Goldsboro, in regard to the benevolences, with particular reference to the Cape Fear Presbytery, either went astray or has been mislaid. As the time for raising this fund is short, we take this occasion to call attention to Dr. Dillard's letter and urge all of our churches to take action in the matter at once and do everything possible to raise their quotas. Dr. Baker's article elsewhere shows that so far only a small number of churches have paid in full.

Years ago colored men had a monopoly of the best trade in the barber business in the South, but, seeing the possibilities of the business, white men have entered the field and colored men are being pushed out of the hotel shops and off the main streets. Just now Atlanta is making a fight on the Negro barbers who serve white patrons. If an ordinance already passed by the city council should be endorsed by the Mayor and become a law, Negro barbers will not be allowed to serve white people. This would have the effect of putting many of the best colored barbers out of business.

DR. RUSSELL'S HEALTH RESTORED.

Will Resume Evangelistic Work

Durham, N. C.,
Feb. 10, 1926.

Editor of The Africo-American Presbyterian,
Dear Brother:

Kindly announce in your paper that my health has been restored and I am again on the job. We hope to have great success in the ingathering of souls during the year.

We regret very much that Rev. W. W. Mayle is not with us in the East Tennessee Synod. Rev. J. E. Tice is pastoring in Petersburg, hence, we have no evangelists in said Synod. It

is not likely that the Division of Missions for Colored People will be in position to appoint other persons this year.

Rev. J. E. Jackson, the evangelist for the Atlantic Synod, will do some work in the Canadian Synod. We hope that when the brethren invite him they will take into consideration the distance and expense, and arrange to have three or four meetings at places where the greatest good may be accomplished. The brethren of the Canadian Synod may address Rev. Jackson as follows:

1805 Heidt St.,
Columbia, S. C.

Many of the Canadian brethren know that Rev. Jackson is a strong preacher, a splendid evangelist. Our Board will give a special man for this Synod as early as possible.

As for the Tennessee Synod, I shall arrange, as best I can, to take care of the evangelistic side of the work there. I trust the brethren will take into consideration the distance I will be compelled to travel, and arrange for as many as three or four meetings where the greatest good may be accomplished.

My address is Box 815, Durham, N. C. (Office, N. C. Mutual Annex.)

HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES WHICH HAVE PAID THEIR 1925-26 BENEVOLENCE QUOTAS.

On the suggestion of Dr. G. W. Long, strongly endorsed by Dr. J. M. Gaston, the Workers' Conference at Chester, S. C., voted to request the Africo to publish an Honor Roll of the churches in various Presbyteries that have paid their full benevolence quotas for the year 1925-26. This Roll will appear weekly in the Africo as soon as the quota is raised and sent in to the Central Receiving Agency or to any of the Boards for proper distribution.

(Signed)

C. J. BAKER.

Fairfield Presbytery
Sumter, Second Sumter, S. C.
Shiloh, Second Wedgefield, S. C.
York, Second York, S. C.
Cheraw, Second Cheraw, S. C.

Knox Presbytery
St. Paul Cordale, Ga.
Laura Street Jacksonville, Fla.

McClelland Presbytery
Allendale, Second Allendale, S. C.
Bethesda Gaffney, S. C.

Kiamichi Presbytery
New Hope Fort Towson, Okla.
Beaver Dam Grant, Okla.

White River Presbytery
Westminster Cotton Plant, Ark.
Hot Springs, 2nd, Hot Springs, Ark.
Holmes Chapel Monticello, Ark.
Hopewell Morrilton, Ark.
Smith Memorial Crockett, Texas

Cape Fear Presbytery
Mt. Pleasant Franklinton, N. C.
Bethany Lumberton, N. C.
Red Springs, 2nd, Red Springs, N. C.
Mt. Pisgah Rocky Mount, N. C.
St. Paul, 2nd Timberland, N. C.

Catawba Presbytery
Trinity Marion, N. C.

Southern Virginia Presbytery
Holbrook Street Danville, Va.

Yadkin Presbytery
John Hall Chapel Carthage, N. C.
Pine Street Durham, N. C.

Birmingham Presbytery
Clark's Chapel Ackerman, Miss.

Rogersville Presbytery
Bethesda Johnson City, Tenn.

SUMTER SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, SUMTER, S. C.

On Sabbath morning, Jan. 16th, the Rev. E. W. Williams, D. D., of Washington, D. C., delivered to us an excellent sermon from Isa. 58:12. This sermon was a masterpiece of eloquence, full of instruction and spiritual fervor.

The Sunday school, one of the great assets of the church, under the supervision of the most efficient Superintendent, Miss H. N. Usher, is growing in numbers each Sabbath. It has contributed \$21 to the different Boards since November, and is now working on the rally for the Boards in February. Miss Usher has been Superintendent of this Department of the church for 20 years.

The Christian Endeavor is indeed wide awake. The President, Mrs. A. R. Donnelly, takes great interest in this work.

The Missionary Society is doing a splendid work in the church. The ladies seem very much interested and are putting forth every effort.

THE ANNUAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

HELD AT BRAINERD INSTITUTE, CHESTER, S. C.—A
LARGE ATTENDANCE FROM ALL PARTS
OF THE SOUTHERN FIELD.

By Rev. L. B. West

Dr. John M. Gaston announced: "We will sing hymn No. 348, 'My Days Are Gliding Swiftly By,' and Dr. C. M. Young will make the closing prayer." Thus ended the 1926 meeting of the Workers' Conference. The Conference is held annually under the direction of the Division of Missions for Colored People, of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

The Conference was in session four days—February 2 to 5—at Brainerd Institute, Prof. John S. Marquis, Principal, Chester, S. C., and was chock full of interest from start to finish.

The presiding officers were the Rev. John M. Gaston, D. D., LL. D., Secretary of the Division of Missions for Colored People, and Mr. John M. Somerville, Superintendent of the Missionary Department of Sabbath School Work.

The attendance was large. The entertainment was fine. Prof. and Mrs. Marquis, aided by their faculty and student body, gave the Conference a good taste of Brainerd hospitality. And the citizens of Chester, led by Prof. and Mrs. A. A. Adair, helped to take care of the Conference to the best of their ability.

Greetings.

The Conference received a hearty welcome from the Hon. F. C. Carter, Mayor of Chester. He was glad to have the Conference in Chester because he believed that the Conference would do good. He said that Brainerd was a credit to Chester. He was proud of the progress of the Negro race. He believed in the education of the Negro. He paid a glowing tribute to Prof. and Mrs. Marquis. He said that in their long years of service none had done more for the education of the Negro in South Carolina than they. He wished the Conference a very pleasant stay.

Mrs. Agnes B. Snively, in a very happy vein, brought the greetings of the Board. She had been looking forward to the Conference for two years. She said that Mrs. W. T. Larimer sent the following message: "I am tired in the work, but not tired of the work."

After speaking of the magnitude of the Board of National Missions, Mrs. Snively declared that she was very proud of the Division of Missions for Colored People. In her vision for the young people she wanted them to be pure and good, taking Jesus as their leader. She wanted them to be thorough. There was too much carelessness. She wanted them to be orderly. There was too much lawlessness. She wanted them to have the proper recreation. There was woeful lack of this among colored people. She wanted them to render service for Christ and His kingdom. She wanted them to sacrifice, and to realize that they were a part of God's plan, and that they must live well that part.

Music.

Music always has a big place in the program of the Conference. It was so this year. The Chapel Hymnal was used. Miss Vera List was the pianist. The singing was directed by Drs. I. H. Russell, A. B. McCoy and T. A. Long.

The Brainerd Chorus and Quartette rendered special selections.

The Missionary Quartette, composed of Revs. J. B. Barber, H. C. Miller, Messrs. I. M. Martin and A. A. Adair, sang several spirituals.

The Conference Quartette, made up of Drs. A. S. Clark, M. J. Jackson, E. J. Gregg and J. P. Foster sang a special selection.

Evangelistic Services.

During the day subjects were discussed that were vital to the development of church and school work. At night evangelistic services were conducted. This is a big feature of the Conference. Evangelists I. H. Russell, Catawba Synod, and J. E. Jackson, Atlantic Synod, had charge of these services. The evangelistic messages were delivered by Revs. W. Scott Miller, Norfolk, Va., J. E. Jackson, and

H. C. Miller, Greensboro. Rev. W. S. Miller showed clearly that the new birth was the gateway into the kingdom of God. Rev. Jackson showed what can be accomplished in our lives when we consecrate our possessions to God. Rev. H. C. Miller magnified the thought that the Church is a spiritual and not a material organization, and that the secret of her power is to be found in her confession that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the Living God. At the close of each sermon earnest appeals were made and fervent prayers offered. Two persons came forward on the first two nights, and on the last night one young man of the school was happily converted.

The devotional hour was very helpful. Each session was begun with a season of devotion. The following were the leaders: Rev. A. H. George read the 6th chapter of Isaiah and prayed. Rev. S. T. Redd read the 51st Psalm and prayed.

Rev. S. D. Thom, D. D., wanted the workers to follow Christ in sacrifice, in prayer and service. Mr. J. M. Somerville said we should be very careful in our Christian conduct because of the perilous times in which we live. Rev. H. C. Cousins made a plea for the acknowledgment of God in all of our ways. Prof. C. N. Shropshire said we were workers with God and told what God expects of us.

Historical Items.

One of the outstanding items of the Conference was the reading by Dr. W. L. Metz, of Edisto Island, S. C., of a historical paper on some of the outstanding workers of the past among colored people. Dr. Metz gave a graphic description of the lives and labors of those sainted workers, many of whom have crossed over. Tears came to many eyes as Dr. Metz mentioned such names as Mrs. S. J. Neil, Drs. Billingsley, Murkland, West, Mattoon, Johnson, Beatty, Dorland, Satterfield, Lawrence, Hutchinson, etc. The Conference sang: "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow," and gave Dr. Metz a rising vote of thanks.

Just before Dr. Metz read his paper, Prof. Adair presented Mr. Jerry Alexander, an old citizen of Chester, to the Conference. Mr. Alexander gave an account of the early days of Brainerd School. The school was started in the County in 1866. It moved to Chester in 1867. The first teacher was Miss E. E. Richmond, of Vineyard, N. J. Then came Miss Carrie Kent. He said where Brainerd now stands was once the garden spot of South Carolina so far as slaves were concerned. It was a great slave center. He exhibited a coat which was made for him when he was eight years old by his teacher, Miss Kent. He also exhibited the bill of sale dated 1853, for his mother. He presented Dr. Gaston and Prof. Marquis with an enlarged picture of the first building of Brainerd. A picture of Miss Richmond was also shown.

Prof. Marquis mentioned the fact that the request for the school came from Mr. G. L. Harris, a former slave-holder.

Dr. Gaston and Prof. Marquis expressed their thanks for the pictures.

Church Work

Dr. C. J. Baker, of Atlanta, Ga., spoke on benevolent offerings. He gave illustrations of the fact that a treasurer for benevolence only, in the church, brought better results than having one treasurer for everything. He called attention to the needs of the Boards of the Church, and showed how necessary it was for churches to make pledges, and raise the money to meet those needs. He urged that pledges should be paid weekly. He said the Boards had to borrow large sums of money during the year, and asked that benevolences be forwarded quarterly.

One of the questions that provoked a great deal of discussion was what standards shall be required of a church in order to be qualified to receive aid. This

discussion was led off by Dr. John A. Savage, Principal of Albion Academy, Franklinton. Among other things, he said that churches should have decent church buildings, carry out the every-member canvass and pay their benevolent quotas.

Growing out of the discussion a committee was appointed to draft resolutions to be sent to the different Presbyteries for consideration. The committee consisted of Dr. Z. A. Dockery, Dr. S. D. Thom, Dr. C. E. Tucker and Rev. H. C. Cousins. The resolutions will be published later.

Dr. I. D. Davis, of Columbia, S. C., thought that for a minister to exert the proper influence he should preach Christ. He should not be self-seeking. He should be the very embodiment of good character. He should teach punctuality by precept and example. He should be honest and truthful, and should at all times be neat in appearance.

Dr. S. D. Thom showed how the spiritual life of our churches may be quickened. Among other things he said ministers should be Spirit-filled men. They are to inspire their members. It should be their aim to get as many members as possible to engage in the work of the church. He pictured the program of the Church, and said it was highly important that as believers we prepare ourselves, and then carry out that program. The Church is to give the gospel to the whole world.

School Work.

The Conference gave serious thought to the proper training of the youth in schools and colleges. Nothing short of a Christian education will produce the best results. This discussion was handled by the following educators: Dr. C. M. Young, President Harbison Agricultural College, Irmo, S. C.; Miss Maud Kinniburgh, Dean of Barber College, Anniston, Ala.; Dr. G. C. Shaw, Principal Mary Potter School, Oxford; Dr. T. R. Lewis, President Scotia Women's College, Concord; Dr. C. H. Shute, Librarian, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte; and Mrs. J. G. Porter, Principal Parochial School, Irmo, S. C.

Mrs. Porter said that the elementary Church school was loaded with the great responsibility of giving the children the right start.

Dr. C. M. Young was of the opinion that the young boys and men of this country will never be trained in the way they should go for life's work until those whom God has placed at the head shall lead them into right thinking and right living. Miss Kinniburgh said that at Barber they were trying to develop capable, ambitious womanhood. They were training girls to do their best, and to make the Christian life a practical reality.

Dr. Shaw declared that in the training of boys and girls for their life's work, the contact which is gotten in a co-educational school is indispensable for the bringing out of the finer qualities in the individual.

Dr. Lewis said that in the training of young women Scotia had a glorious record and the present administration was building on that foundation.

Dr. Shute thought that the Bible should have a place of prime importance in our educational system. Without the Bible life is incomplete. He was of the opinion that secular education without the Bible would produce hands and heads, but not hearts of the right kind.

Rev. Franklin Gregg, of Newnan, Ga., pictured the advantage of an industrial education. He was of the opinion that our youth should know how to use head and hand. He said this was a mechanical age. Machines were replacing hand labor and our boys should be trained to operate these machines. He also spoke of the moral value of an industrial education.

Dr. A. S. Clark, of Cordele, Ga., told of the splendid achievements of some of the graduates of Gespie Normal School. He said that several of them were now preachers, teachers, missionaries, trained nurses and pharmacists.

Sabbath School Work

Every phase of Sabbath school work was discussed. The Conference enthusiastically considered how to develop and improve the schools already in ex-

istence, and how to reach out and do more extensive work.

Mr. Somerville said that the relation of the Sabbath School Missionary to the Presbytery was one of vital importance. He said there were great needs in each Presbytery, and the Missionary should keep the Presbytery informed. He thought that Presbyterial Committees should be thoroughly acquainted with the missionaries.

Dr. A. B. McCoy, Atlanta, Ga., made it plain that the rural districts of the South was the place for the greatest activity on the part of the Sabbath school missionary.

Rev. H. M. Scott, of Ocala, Fla., was of the opinion that churches and pastors can co-operate in extending the work of the Sabbath School by giving it a larger place in their programs and contributing of their time and money and service.

Mr. A. A. Adair, of Chester, S. C., thought that one of the ways in which a mission Sabbath school could be developed and strengthened was for the missionary to visit the school as often as possible and give the needed information. Another way was for the school to send delegates to the Presbyterial Conventions and Schools of Methods.

Mr. R. W. Kornegay, of Kinston, graphically described the work of a missionary for every day in the week. He left it clear in the minds of the Conference that the work of the missionary was not a week-end job.

Rev. L. R. Taylor, of Alabama, discussed how leaders can be secured and trained to conduct mission Sabbath Schools. He said great tact had to be used in securing leaders, and after they had been found, great interest should be manifested in them until they were trained to do the work.

Mr. J. J. Shepperson, of Tennessee, said that with the proper facilities, the modern methods of Sabbath school work can be adapted to Negro schools. He mentioned several schools that had modern methods.

Mr. A. A. Adair was of the opinion that departmental graded lessons were best for our Sabbath schools.

Dr. E. C. Hames, of Arkansas, in a short address, told how Teacher Training Classes can be maintained in our schools.

Mr. I. M. Martin, of Charlotte, showed the value of the Workers' Conference. He said the Conference should be planned for, a suitable program arranged, should begin and close on time; and should discuss only the work of the school.

Mr. H. N. Sullivan, of South Carolina, thought that parents might be gotten to Sabbath school by writing them personal letters and inviting them to attend school. He said that competition can be carried on in classes by asking children to bring parents. He said that surveys of homes should be made, and where the parents did not attend school, their homes should be tagged, the tag to be removed when parents came to school. He said, give the parents something to do, after getting them in school.

Rev. W. D. Woods said that the ministers should be interested in the work of the Sabbath School in its entirety, and co-operate with the Superintendent in putting over the school program. He should be active in the work of the school.

Rev. Italy Le Conte, of Union Point, Ga., said that a good Sabbath school teacher should be pious, punctual, patient, studious, watchful and prayerful.

Daily Vacation Bible School
The Daily Vacation Bible School was very ably introduced by Mr. S. L. Young, of Virginia. He said by experience he had learned that a D. V. B. S. was practicable for every Sabbath school.

Rev. F. C. Shirley, of Charlotte, said that leaders for D. V. B. S. can be trained at the Synodical Convention and School of Methods, and also by the special workers appointed by the S. S. Department for that purpose.

Rev. J. B. Barber, of Chattanooga, Tenn., outlined the daily schedule of a D. V. B. S. Among other things he mentioned, he said prayer should have a prominent place. The teachers should

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