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MARY ALLEN SEMINARY.

On a recent visit to Mary Allen Seminary, Crockett, Texas, we were pleased to note the rapid growth of that institution, situated as it is at a strategic point in the Southwest.

The school, now conducted by the Rev. B. R. Smith, who is ably assisted by Mrs. Smith, a Scotia graduate, will soon meet the requirements for a Junior College. The new science equipment, recently installed, already meets these requirements. The thing now needed is money with which to increase and strengthen the teaching force and enlarge the library facilities. While the present teaching staff is composed of well trained young women, yet, as in most of our schools, for lack of funds, the number is inadequate.

The Rev. Smith is held in high esteem by the citizens of Crockett, irrespective of race. The white Synod and Presbyteries, and school officials of the State, are heartily cooperating with the President in raising the standard and enlarging the usefulness of the school.

There is fine cooperation between the school and our church in Crockett. Rev. S. J. Grier, the pastor of the church, and Rev. Smith, both alumni of Johnson C. Smith University, are good yokefellows.

MR. WALTER I. LEWIS DEAD

The death of Mr. Walter I. Lewis at Jacksonville, Fla., a few days ago, removes one of the early graduates of Biddle (now Johnson C. Smith) University, who won distinction in the profession of journalism. He was a member of the class of '77. Following his graduation he taught school in Spartanburg, S. C., and Columbia, Tenn. He then took up newspaper work and was associated with the Florida Sentinel, which at that time was published at Gainesville. Later on he moved to Jacksonville, which was to be the scene of his life's best work.

For the past twenty-five or thirty years, with the exception of a brief period when he returned to the Sentinel, he had been the editor of a page in the Jacksonville Journal devoted to the interests of the colored people. This was a unique feature for a Southern daily paper and the fact that Mr. Lewis held the position for so long a time is evidence of his ability and good sense.

Mr. Lewis was a member of the Laura Street Presbyterian church of Jacksonville.

THE NEGRO CHURCH AND RECREATION.

The most encouraging thing about the attitude of the Negro Church toward amusements and recreations is that within the ministry are developing men with a social vision. Their number is small but it is increasing. These men are developing the institutional church idea among Negroes. One element of the church feels that it is not its business to amuse people but the progressive element again thinks that it is a social institution and believes that it should encourage and promote playgrounds, ball teams, track sports, and dramatic clubs that offer Christian drama, oratorios and cantatas. It believes that orchestras, bands, and social, literary, and debating clubs should also be organized. One of the best examples of institutional church work to be found among Negroes is that of St. John's Congregational church, of Springfield, Mass., of which Rev. William N. De Berry, is pastor.

It is said that young people are materialistic and are only interested in money and pleasure and that they do not have the religion of their fathers and mothers. This may be true in a sense—more true than in the past—but it is equally true that in those Negro churches where the ministers have a social vision, where programs are conducted along institutional lines which meet the needs of the young people, they rally to the support of the church and are among its most enthusiastic and valuable workers.

—Charles H. Williams in the Southern Workman.

EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN IN CROCKETT, TEX.

By Rev. S. J. Grier.

Evangelism seems to be the watchword of the Christian Church today. This is as it should be. The Church had its origin in a great revival of religion. The history of the Church shows that God's method of preserving, purifying and enlarging His Church has been by epochs of spiritual revival. Such a spiritual uplift has just come to Mary Allen Seminary and Smith Memorial church, through a series of meetings conducted by Rev. W. W. Mayle, pastor-evangelist of Mt. Olive church, Okmulgee, Okla.

The meetings were opened at the Seminary on Sunday, January 31st, continuing one week, during which time ten persons confessed Christ as their Saviour. The evangelist asked the student body to adopt the slogan, "This School One Hundred Per Cent for Christ." This was done and every professing Christian was enlisted as a personal worker. This resulted in the realization of our goal. Not only is the entire student body now professing Christians, but a gentleman who has been connected with the school for about thirty years as a farm laborer was won to Christ in this meeting.

Mary Allen Seminary is located on the highest point in the country, geographically. It can be truthfully said that the school is a "Northfield" and a "Mt. Holyoke" in our beautiful Southland, when considered from an intellectual and spiritual point of view. The entire faculty are persons of high moral and spiritual character and are bringing things to pass.

Through the efficient and untiring efforts of the President, Rev. B. R. Smith, the Seminary has taken its place among the leading institutions of the South. It has met the requirements of the State of Texas for a standard high school and junior college, with all the credits attached. The community at large, consisting of both races, are loud in their praise of Mary Allen with her advanced standing and achievements under the present administration.

As a result of the spiritual victories won at the school, the citizens of Crockett asked that Smith Memorial Presbyterian church run a city-wide evangelistic campaign for one week. The meetings were held in the Big Bell M. E. church to accommodate the large audiences desiring to hear Dr. Mayle, the soul-saving-specialist. All the participating churches were ben-

efitted and spiritual life deepened.

Smith Memorial church was honored with the presence of Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D., who worshipped with us Sunday morning, February 7th. Dr. McCrorey had been in attendance on the Association of Negro Colleges which met in Marshall, Texas.

LAST CALL.

The Presbyteries composing the Synod of Catawba pledged themselves to raise a budget of \$17,000.00 for the year 1925-1926.

The figures of the Receiving Agency, 156 5th Ave., New York, including amounts sent in up to Dec. 31, 1925, tell a tale sad and pathetic.

The Presbytery of Catawba, \$564.70; the Presbytery of Cape Fear, \$1211.73; the Presbytery of Yadkin, \$612.15; the Presbytery of So. Va., \$888.88.

We have but a little while to make good our pledges and save our honor as Presbyterians. Will we "lift the level" or will we show our disregard for loyalty and truth?

We are expecting every church within the bounds of Cape Fear Presbytery to live up to its obligation.

C. DILLARD,
Chairman.

WAS IMPRESSED BY THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me a little space in your columns for a word respecting the Workers' Conference from which a goodly number of us have recently returned. The splendid papers read and remarks made by several of the members of the Conference caused one to feel that it was a good place to be.

None of us present can be otherwise impressed than that Dr. J. M. Gaston is an expert disciplinarian in using time, as well as manifesting other excellent traits.

Mr. J. M. Somerndike in giving frank counsel and wholesome advice with much patience, added to Mrs. Agnes B. Snively's cheer and hopeful words for the success of this work in the South, could not but make any one decide that it was a fine place to be.

Doubtless the Workers' Conference is playing a most conspicuous part in making the work on our part of the field what it should be. I could say much more as to the impression made on many of us, if not all; but will close.

B. F. RUSSELL,
Blackstock, S. C.

THE SOUTHERN WORKMAN FOR FEBRUARY.

The current issue of the Southern Workman (published by the Hampton Institute Press) contains a valuable illustrated article on "The Negro Church and Recreation" by Charles H. Williams, physical director at Hampton Institute. "Industrial Education in Uganda" is described with illustrations by Archdeacon Mathers who has charge of the educational work in the eastern province of that country. Another illustrated article by Rose Henderson describes the skilled craftsmen of the Pomo basket makers.

Educational articles include one on "Rural Education in Buckingham County, Va.," with illustrations, by Thomas L. Dabney; a brief description of Bennett College, Greensboro, N. C., by Frank Trigg, its principal; a terse article by Dr. James H. Dillard on "Half-Truths About Education;" excerpts from an address on "The Influence of Armstrong," by H. S. Keigwin, director of native development in Southern Rhodesia; and an editorial summarizing the recent conference on Africa at Hartford, Conn.

Editorial comment is made on the successful completion of the Hampton-Tuskegee Endowment Campaign. This number also contains an obituary of Mrs. Landonia R. Dashiell, "an ardent supporter of all education in Virginia and a firm friend of Hampton Institute."

The ministers and elders who met at Seventh Street church last Saturday morning resolved to do their utmost to raise their churches' benevolence quotas.

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 Cordele, 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 Presbytery
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.

LAURA STREET PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

By Mrs. B. S. Harris.

We have been silent for a long time, but not asleep; we are busily engaged in the King's business.

January 10th was ordination day. Four new officers were added: two Elders—Mr. F. M. Morton and Mr. Dennison; one Deacon—Mr. M. L. Boykin, and a trustee—Mr. Willie Summerall.

Our pastor, Rev. E. J. Gregg, D. D., delivered a most powerful and most profound sermon from I Sam. 10:26; I Chron. 12:18; Acts 6:3. It has left a lasting impression on the hearts and minds of all who heard it.

January 24, Rev. E. W. Williams, of Washington, D. C., preached for us. His text was St. Luke 18:19, "A grain of mustard seed." His sermon was very helpful and we hope he will come again. One person was added to the church at the conclusion of the services.

Sunday evening at 7:30 the following program was rendered under the direction of the choir: Professional: "Jerusalem the Golden,"—choir.
Invocation by Dr. Gregg.
Anthem—"Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem."
Reading, Miss Mary R. Watt, Stanton High School.
Instrumental Selection, Mr. Maurice Tolbert, Stanton High School.
Recitation, Little Miss Ruth Staley.

"The Strings of the Violin," Miss Beatrice Flemming.
Address—"The Choir Members' Part in Religious Services," Major Morris, Edward Waters College.
Duet, "Hark, Hark, My Soul," Messrs. Harper and Morton.
Instrumental Selection, Mrs. L. M. Argett.
Solo, "For All Eternity," Mrs. W. K. Harper.

Remarks by the pastor.
Recessional, "God of Our Fathers," choir.
Benediction.

There was a large and appreciative audience to hear the program. Everyone lauded the participants.

The Willing Workers are doing excellent work. Mrs. A. P. Anderson is President and Mrs. W. Walker, Secretary. The Willing Workers had a very suc-

cessful Apron and Parcel Post Sale, realizing \$38.25.

Our Missionary Society is doing splendid work under the guidance of our efficient President, Mrs. E. J. Gregg. A Talent entertainment was given by the Society to raise money for the repairing of the parsonage. Each one drew a slip with the number of talents they would have to work with. Each talent was twenty-five cents. The President requested that each talent be increased to five dollars. These are the names and the number of talents:

	Tal.	Amt.
Mrs. Anderson	2	\$3.50
Mrs. Baker	2	5.00
Mrs. Dennison	1	2.00
Mrs. Douglass	1	1.25
Mrs. E. J. Gregg	1	17.00
Mrs. S. A. Harris	2	10.00
Mrs. Howard	1	5.00
Mrs. Hawkins	3	5.75
Mrs. Knight	1	5.00
Mrs. Moore	1	5.00
Mrs. L. Roberts	1	5.00
Mrs. Simmons	1	5.25
Mrs. W. Walker	2	.76
Mrs. Carrie White	1	5.25
Mrs. Maggie Williams	1	5.25
Mrs. E. Miles	1	1.50
Mrs. M. Morton	1	1.25
Mrs. McLendon	1	1.25
Mrs. N. Holmes	1	5.00
Total		\$89.51

Our pastor, Dr. E. J. Gregg, attended the Workers' Conference at Chester, S. C., and was not back for services Sunday, February 7. Rev. McGee, of Edward Waters College, preached for us a very helpful and practical sermon from St. Luke 6:3, subject, "Faith in Man."

Our Sunday school and C. E. Society are wide awake and are doing good work. The young people seem to be anxious to do something that will be helpful and uplifting.

On Thursday morning, February 11, about 11 o'clock, Prof. W. I. Lewis passed very suddenly away. Prof. Lewis was editor of the news among colored people in the Jacksonville Journal.

HARBISON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE NOTES.

By Mrs. A. P. Butler.

Sunday, February 14th, during the Sunday school hour, Mrs. J. G. Porter conducted a very interesting program in connection with the Lincoln Birthday Services. Several schools under the care of the Division of Missions for Colored People were represented by one or more graduates from each of them. The following program was rendered:

Music.
Prayer, Rev. J. G. Porter.
Responsive Reading, led by Supt. J. E. Hall.
Explanation of Program, Mrs. J. G. Porter.

Harbison, Mr. Asa Russell, Mr. Henry Rawls.
Parochial School—Exercise by several children.

Ingleside, Mrs. R. N. Toatley.
Music.
Biddle, Prof. A. P. Butler.
J. C. S. University, Prof. J. P. Sartor.

Lincoln Academy, Mrs. H. D. Hall.
Barber College, Mrs. A. H. Reasoner.
Brainerd, Prof. R. W. Boulware.

Music, Scotia Love Song.
Scotia, Mrs. J. G. Porter and Mrs. A. P. Butler.

At the regular preaching hour Rev. J. G. Porter preached a strong sermon from Exodus 3:12. His text was "Certainly I will be with thee." His theme was "A Guarantee of Success."

Several members of the faculty attended the Workers' Conference which met in Chester, S. C.

Mr. G. A. Watts, Jr., and his little son, George III, of Buffalo, N. Y., were pleasant visitors in the home of Prof. and Mrs. R. N. Toatley last week.

Mr. Oscar Johnson, a member of the Irmo Presbyterian church, departed this life January 22nd and was buried January 23rd.

Another sad death was that of Miss Emma Allen, who was at one time a student of the Parochial school. After finishing here, she continued her course in Allen University and came back as a teacher in the community. She departed this life January 30th and was buried February 4th.

WALDEN HOLDS MEMORIAL FOR LATE TEACHER.

William M. Smyrl, instructor in Chemistry, Eulogized by Teachers, Students and Citizens.—Met Death in Automobile Accident.

Walden College, Nashville, Tenn., held a very impressive service Sunday afternoon, January 24th, for the late Professor William Maceo Smyrl, who met death in an automobile accident January 1st.

Ministers, teachers, students and Nashville citizens joined appropriately in paying lofty and deserved tribute to the late teacher.

Professor Smyrl was a product of the Methodist Episcopal Church, having been reared by a Methodist Episcopal family, educated principally in a Methodist Episcopal College and given employment in the system of schools operated by the Church. He was a native of South Carolina, spent eight years in Clafin College where he finished the preparatory school and college department, and pursued graduate study in chemistry in Columbia University. During his college days at Clafin, he became a veteran football player long to be remembered, sang with Clafin singers and was one of the devoted students of Dr. L. M. Dutton, the famous President of Clafin.

Upon finishing Clafin, Professor Smyrl taught chemistry in Central Alabama Institute one year, and after that school burned, took up work at Walden College, where, for three years, he taught chemistry, coached in football, sang with the Walden Quartette and won a warm place in the hearts of his fellow teachers, students of Walden and people of Nashville whom he served often. He was a member of the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity.

Perhaps his highest hope was that of some day becoming a minister. He worked faithfully toward this end, laying carefully his plans with the result that only a few weeks prior to this death, he had, through the influence of Dr. Hughes, of Philadelphia, succeeded in obtaining a scholarship in Northwestern University, Chicago, Ill. Death came before he had entered into a study of his chosen profession, which, incidentally, is the highest profession to which any individual may aspire.

The memorial service held by Walden College for the late teacher was a glowing tribute to a life, though young, yet worthwhile.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW BERN.

By Miss A. G. Sutton.

The pastor and members of Ebenezer were proud to have two of Johnson C. Smith University's young ministers to preach for them Sunday A. M. and Sunday P. M., January 31st, in the persons of Messrs. F. D. Nance and J. R. Dungee. They both are splendid young men and have the prayers of all Ebenezer. Mr. F. D. Nance preached Sunday morning from Revelations 12:10. Sunday night Mr. J. R. Dungee preached from Genesis 3:16. Both of the young men gave us something to think about a long time.

During the Sunday school hour Mr. Dungee taught the Gleaners' class which is usually taught by Lawyer R. W. Williamson, and Mr. Nance taught the Junior class No. 2, which is taught by Mrs. L. L. Foy. Miss Winston was a visitor in the Gleaners' class.

Sunday, February 14th, Rev. Sanders preached from Ephesians 4:13: "Till we all come in the unity of the faith and the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ."

During the Sunday school hour Lincoln Day was observed. A very nice program was rendered. Much credit must be given Mrs. R. C. Scott for the nice program her class gave. Mrs. Scott is always at her post of duty and gives of her best all the time.

The Stitch and Chatter Club is very proud of its new members, Misses M. Smallwood, Winston, and Vivian Dudley Hale.