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THE KEY.

Right relation with God is the key to just interracial relations. The Apostle John says, "By this we know that we love the children of God when we love God and keep his commandments," and again, "If any man says, I love God and hateth his brother he is a liar." And our Saviour says, "If a man love me he will keep my words," and further on he says, "This is my commandment that ye love one another." And one of the two commandments on which hang all the law and the prophets is, "Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

And Solomon says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man."

Yes, there is no getting around the fact that real abiding peace between the races and nations of the earth is dependent on peace with God.

REV. ITALY LeCONTE IN HOSPITAL.

A letter from Dr. C. J. Baker, of Atlanta, Ga., says: "Rev. Italy LeConte, of Union Point, Ga., has been seriously sick since the 5th of February. Fact is, he was sick while attending the Workers' Conference at Chester; he went back home from the Conference and took his bed and has been confined ever since. He is now in the University Hospital of Augusta, Ga."

The above will be read with sincere regret and deep solicitude. Rev. LeConte is one of our most successful ministers and has done a fine and enduring work in Georgia. The prayers of the Church should go up to God for his recovery.

FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERY.

At the Spring meeting of Cape Fear Presbytery, to be held in New Bern, N. C., the fortieth anniversary will be celebrated. The speakers for the occasion are as follows: Dr. J. A. Savage presiding, Dr. Clarence Dillard will speak on "The Material Growth of Cape Fear from Its Origin to the Present Date." Dr. H. C. Mabry will speak on "The Spiritual Growth of Cape Fear from Its Origin to the Present Date." Rev. H. S. Davis will speak from the subject, "Carry On."

Drs. Savage, Dillard and Mabry are the charter members of Presbytery. Each of these has seen more than forty years of active service. Rev. Davis represents the younger group of ministers. His task is to receive the mantle from the older group.

Cape Fear is looking forward to a most profitable and inspiring meeting. Indications point to the fact that most of the churches have had a healthy year in accessions and finances. "THE SCRIBE."

TOO MANY MINISTERS AS SABBATH SCHOOL MISSIONARIES.

It is noticed that Rev. J. B. Barber, Superintendent of Sabbath School Missionaries of East Tennessee Synod, is soon to go back to the pulpit for which the Church educated him, as did Revs. Hargrave and Henderson a year ago. This is as it should be as there are so many churches without pastors in all of our Presbyteries. If the yare called to preach, let them do that. It seems that the Sabbath school work in the four colored Synods in the South is run as an annex for Lincoln University, as it is as hard for a Biddle man to get into the Sabbath school work as it is to climb a greasy pole, and as easy to get out as coming down the same—a condition very undesirable.

This work can easily be done by laymen. The laymen of our Church should be given a larger share of service and responsibility as well as furnishing the money to put over the program of the Church.

There are seven laymen thoroughly competent in McClelland Presbytery and able to do missionary work, and yet some undesirable is imported here to do this work. I lift my voice in protest. There are too many theological tramps in the Sabbath School work.

Back to the pulpit, one and all! This work can be done by competent and consecrated laymen. Give us a chance.

Each Presbytery should at its Spring meeting request the Sabbath School Department of our Church to dismiss all ministers in the work for pulpit service and replace the same with laymen with the choice and approval of Presbytery, local talent preferable. We tolerate many things we do not approve. Let our laymen bestir themselves. Out of more than twenty-five missionaries the laymen can be counted on the fingers of one hand. This is unfair.

Biddle and Lincoln men should be equally selected which would cause no hard feelings.

The laymen in our Church are kept in the background more than in any other Church. Let the Church take notice. This article is only the beginning. Some one reply, please.

C. B. JOHNSON.
Greenville, S. C.

WILMINGTON NOTES.

The sermon at Chestnut Street Presbyterian church Sunday morning, March 21, was from John 14:31: "Arise, let us go hence." The pastor pointed out that Jesus was always busy about His Father's business. When one duty was finished the other was taken up regardless of pain or suffering. If we are to be about our Master's business we must carry out the Church's program.

Visitation Day was observed Sunday, March 21. The elders visited the members, collecting the General Assembly tax, receiving their pledges for the year and performing other duties of their office.

The Fellowship Club meets every Sunday afternoon from 4 to 5 o'clock. The purpose of this organization is to get the men who loiter about the streets Sunday afternoons. They have interesting discussions on vital subjects. Croom's orchestra rendered music last Sunday which added much to the service.

Revs. Shirley and George conducted a two-day institute here the 18th and 19th. Rev. Shirley stressed the ten departments of the Sunday school. Rev. George organized the Pioneer Boys. There were twenty youth enrolled, ages 10 to 12. Rev. George says this is the largest club he has organized.

One of our oldest citizens, Mr. John Moore, of St. Luke's A. M. E. Zion church, passed away after a brief illness. He was stricken while attending a church meeting. He was actively engaged in his church and was a charter member of the Odd Fellows Order. He had

served as post office clerk for more than fifty years.

Mrs. Alex Manly, of Philadelphia, is visiting her mother, Mrs. F. C. Sadgwar, Sr., who has been confined to her room for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Taylor, of Tuskegee Institute, are here for a brief visit. Mr. Taylor retains his membership and interest in the Chestnut Street church. He met with the building committee last Monday night and gave them the benefit of his knowledge and experience along this line which was highly appreciated.

Elder Aaron Kellogg celebrated his 86th birthday March 1st. A few of his friends were invited to spend the evening with him and to enjoy partaking of the birthday cake.

"WHAT I HAVE WRITTEN I HAVE WRITTEN."

By Dr. Yorke Jones
(1)

High hung He upon the cross,
Above Him this Legend:
"Jesus of Nazareth,
King of the Jews."
Came unto Pilate the leaders
Vile who encompassed the death
Of the Lord, our Chrst,
Pleading, "Write not 'King of
the Jews,'"
But He said: 'King of the
Jews.'"

In menace, conscience stricken,
Pilate replied:
"What I have written
I have written."
(2)

Truer than he knew spoke Pilate.

What he had written
Naught could change
Nor canst thou, O fellow soul:
What thou shalt write next
year—

That, O soul, thou canst decide;
But what thou hast written
In the past thou canst not
change.

REV. LAWRENCE McCROREY CALLED TO CENTRAL CHURCH, PHLA.

The gratifying news has come to Charlotte that Rev. H. L. McCrorey, Jr., the only son of President McCrorey, of Johnson C. Smith University, has accepted a call to the Central Presbyterian church, of Philadelphia. Central church was founded in 1844, and has an interesting history. The late Dr. John B. Reeve was its pastor for 50 years. Young Mr. McCrorey will succeed the Rev. W. L. Imes, who was recently called to St. James church, New York.

The Rev. Mr. McCrorey is a collegiate and theological graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and has done post-graduate work at Columbia University. He has had ministerial experience at Chester, S. C., and at Quogue, L. I., N. Y. He is a young man of fine gifts and attainments and his friends anticipate a bright future for him in the work to which in the Providence of God he has been called.

FROM CARY, N. C.

By Emma Ballinger
The Sisters of Mercy have been organized by Mrs. L. Ross. We are doing fine work for our church. We have a very good number and hold our meetings every Tuesday night. We had a wonderful sermon March 9, by Rev. A. L. White, text, "I will not leave you comfortless. I will be with you." We are planning for a high day Sunday. Our speaker will be Dr. Walker. We have a fine Sunday school under the superintendency of Rev. A. L. White.

We have with us Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ballinger, of Wadesboro. We are glad indeed to have them as our co-workers, also little Miss Dorothy Ballinger.

The Missionary Society met Thursday, March 18th, in the home of Mrs. A. L. White. The 4th chapter of 1st Peter was read alternately, led by the President, Mrs. L. Ross. Rev. Mr. White spoke on Kindness. Mrs. E. R. Ballinger read a paper on Friendship. Mrs. L. Ross and others spoke on "Our Lives of Today." The next meeting will be at Mrs. E. R. Ballinger's April 1st.

Those present were Mrs. L. Ross, Mrs. Addie Sanders, Mrs. Martha White, Mrs. Emily Jackson, Mrs. Emma Ballinger, Mrs. Estella Burr, Miss Gussie Rogers.

DEATH OF MRS. MARIA WALKER AT RIDGEWAY, VA.

Mrs. Maria Walker who, for nearly 91 years, had lived in the county of Henry, and probably was the oldest citizen of Chestnut Knob, passed to her final reward Tuesday afternoon, February 2nd.

Aunt Maria, as we all called her, was born a slave on the Preston Redd farm, "Rugg Creek," March 29, 1835. She passed her early years and most of her life in Martinsville and could accurately relate its history when it contained one office building, two stores and a few dwelling houses. Her memory was remarkable. She was fond of children and loved to have them gather around her and to tell them tales of Uncle Remus and the Fairy Tales. She was always active and industrious, and talented for a woman of her day. She was connected with Holmes Memorial church under the pastorate of the late Rev. H. M. Holmes, and was always present, rain or shine, until a few years ago when her health failed her to such an extent that she was unable to walk.

She was faithful and true and never seemed too tired to help the sick and distressed. She never swerved from her duty as she saw it, which made her life one of continuous sacrifice—tolling, rejoicing and sorrowing. Yet her disposition was bright and sunny, scattering light and encouragement to those with whom she came in contact.

She knew at the beginning of her illness of six weeks that the end was near and said often that she was ready to go and wanted to go. Her granddaughter, Miss Ida B. Dodson, a teacher in the public schools of the county, who had been caring for the deceased during the years of her failing health, suspended school to nurse "gramma." Another granddaughter, Mrs. Albright, of New York, and a foster-granddaughter, Mrs. Greenlee, of Roanoke, came to help to nurse "gramma." All that loving relatives and friends could do was done for the deceased.

Mrs. Walker leaves a son who was with her from the time she was first taken ill, two granddaughters, two great-granddaughters, three great-grandsons and a host of relatives, and friends of both races.

The funeral services were held in Holmes Memorial church Thursday, February 4th, at 2:30 o'clock P. M. The funeral was preached by the pastor of said church, Rev. G. R. Carter, and Rev. G. P. Watkins, pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Martinsville, Va. Some of the favorite hymns of the deceased were sung by request. The interment was made in the family burial place near her home. A large number of white and colored assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased.

"No parting yonder and no sad goodbyes,
No pain, no sickness, and no weeping eyes;
But, best of all, my Saviour I shall see.
No cloud will come between my Lord and me:
No burden yonder, all sorrow past;
No burden yonder, home at last."

MRS. B. M. HEREFORD, Ridgeway, Va.

BLANDONIA CHURCH NOTES, SANFORD.

By Mrs. Nancy Crumpton.
Sunday morning, March 21, our pastor, Rev. J. E. McMillan, delivered a strong, soul-stirring sermon based upon St. John 19:12, using the subject, "Who Is Your King, Christ or Caesar?" We cannot be neutral, said Rev. McMillan. We must accept Christ or Caesar as our king. We must be on the side of right or on the side of wrong. During the great World War there were some countries which said they were neutral but they were not, and it could be seen that their sympathy was with one side or the other. We must make our choice in life and abide by it. Caesar represents the world and the sinful pleasures for which it stands, while Christ represents all that is upright and holy in this life, and eternal life in the world to come.

After the sermon the Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. The sermon for Sunday night was taken from Ephesians 6:14, "Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth." This was a great spiritual sermon and was enjoyed by a large audience.

The Sunday school is still progressing. A fifty per cent increase over the same date for last year, both in attendance and offering, was reported. The collection was \$24.00. The Cephas Bible class reported Mr. Ernest Roberts, of Philadelphia, and brother of our Superintendent, as a visitor.

Miss Blanche Foushee, of the faculty of the Berkley Graded school, Aberdeen, was a visitor in the Wesley Bible class. Inspiring remarks were made by both which were well received.

The Missionary auxiliary met in the home of Mrs. Clyde Yarborough on March 18th. Much business was transacted, after which refreshments were served. Mrs. Yarborough is our delegate to the Presbyterial which meets in Greensboro.

MISS WEBSTER ENTER-TAINS AT ALBION.

Miss Martha V. Webster, of the North Carolina State Department of Education, entertained at a banquet on Friday evening, March 19, the Teacher Training Class of Albion Academy and the Extension classes in Education of Franklin County, of which she is teacher.

The very brilliant affair was held in the spacious dining hall on the campus at Albion, and a most delightful evening was spent by all present.

Rev. V. R. James, head of the English Department at Albion, served as the pleasing master of ceremonies, and speeches for the occasion were made by Miss Cleo M. Russell, Mr. J. R. Browning, Mrs. Ellen Seabrook, Mrs. Daisy Long, Rev. H. T. McFadden, Prof. E. R. Archer, and Miss Webster, the hostess. Dr. J. A. Savage, the Principal of Albion Academy, and Mr. S. A. Dickerson, of the State Department of Education, were the main speakers of the evening.

The menu included many of the dainties and delicacies of the season, and a variety of interesting games added to the enjoyment of all.

Too much credit cannot be given to Miss Webster, the hostess and teacher, for instituting this affair, which is regarded as the social event of the season at Albion Academy.

A SONG

By George L. Allen, '26
J. C. S. U.

If words were roses
Of every hue,
Fragrant, alluring,
Bathed in dew,
I'd gather a bouquet
Just for you,—
If words were roses!

If words were roses
Fresh and fair,
I'd weave from them
A garland rare
With which to crown
Your raven hair,—
If words were roses.

CHURCH STREET NOTES, SALISBURY.

On last Sunday morning our pastor, Rev. J. M. Morton, preached a very interesting sermon.

Last Thursday the Light Bearers Society held a meeting at the home of Mrs. A. G. Clement, 318 South Lloyd Street. The Missionary Society also met with Mrs. Clement Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

We are glad to report that Misses Rosa Lee White, Miss Clingman and Miss Marie Cowan, who have been confined at their homes on account of illness, are out again.

MARIE E. COWAN.

NOTICE.

Dear Readers: As we have not bothered you in some time and have been so good to you in many ways, we hope you will pay up at the different Presbyteries. We earnestly ask that come elder or preacher talk on the subject and collect what they can for the paper.
N. BELL.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. S. W. Carter.

Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Matt. 25:14-30, using as his subject, "Accounting of the Talents." By way of introduction, the speaker gave a resume of the year's work, both spiritual and financial, stating there were held 102 regular services, 45 prayer meetings and 48 Sunday school sessions. There were added during the time 20 members, with 3 infant baptisms, etc.

Sunday was designated the day for subscribing to the budget of \$3,500.00. The members were asked to come to church Sunday morning and write their pledges instead of the house-to-house canvass. The response was very good. One half of the members subscribed at the morning service and a number of others at night.

The Missionary Society netted from their rummage sale last week \$22.00.

Mrs. Alma Baker is quite sick. Her many friends and the Earnest Workers' Bible Class, of which she is a pillar, hope for her a speedy recovery.

The ladies of the Missionary Society met with Mrs. J. F. Watkins last Thursday. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting. As usual the Society has sent in its \$50.00 to the general work of the Church.

The Christian Endeavor has suspended its Tuesday night meeting in order to devote more time to the Easter cantata. Meetings will be resumed after the Easter season.

Mrs. McPhifer was a pleasing visitor at the morning service. Mrs. Phifer had been away for the past 8 months.

Miss Emma McLean, of the Hannah church, is able to be up again after being seriously sick.

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.
Ladson Columbia, S. C.
Bethlehem 1st, McConnellsville, S. C.

Knox Presbytery

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Laura Street Jacksonville, Fla.
Moore's Chapel Albany, Ga.
Butler Memorial Savannah, Ga.

McClelland Presbytery

Allendale, Second Allendale, S. C.
Bethesda Gaffney, S. C.
First Church Irmo, S. C.

Kiamichi Presbytery

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

White River Presbytery

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Hot Springs, 2nd, Hot Springs, Ark.
Holmes Chapel Monticello, Ark.
Hopewell Morrilton, Ark.
Smith Memorial Crockett, Texas
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