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PROPAGANDA OF THE LIQUOR INTERESTS.

The anti-prohibitionists are dead bent on either the repeal of the Federal prohibition law or a modification of the Volstead Act permitting the use of wine and beer. The liquor interests are resorting to all kinds of propaganda to have Congress repeal the Eighteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

In the light of these facts it behooves those favoring national prohibition to rally their forces not only against the repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment, but for a strict enforcement of the same. No law amounts to anything unless it is strictly enforced. Indeed we must have a temperate people if we would have a safe and enduring government. For in the wake of the open saloon follow poverty, neglected homes, lewdness, murder, lawlessness and crime of every kind. The saloon keeper, blinded by selfish interests, will sell the government of his country to the devil for the blood money he gets out of the business.

SEGREGATION IN INDIANAPOLIS.

A segregation ordinance was recently passed by the city council of Indianapolis, prohibiting colored people from occupying homes in certain districts of that city.

This ordinance, like others of its kind, is based on prejudice and demonstrates a lack of the principles of Christianity in the hearts of those guilty of the same, and the people against whom these laws are made will see to it that their constitutionality is passed upon by the Supreme Court of the United States of America.

BISHOP GEO. L. BLACKWELL

In the death of Bishop Blackwell at his home in Philadelphia, on March 20, the A. M. E. Zion Church lost one of its strongest prelates, and the Negro people a wise, constructive leader. Bishop Blackwell was born in North Carolina 65 years ago. He was a man of scholarly attainments, having been educated at Livingstone College and Boston University. Before his elevation to the prelate Bishop Blackwell served as pastor of leading churches in his denomination, was a professor at Livingstone College and Manager of the Church's Publication House in this city. He had been declining in health for the past two or three years.

Dandridge, Tenn.,
March 29, 1926.

Dr. H. L. McCrorey,
Pres. J. C. S. Univ.,
Charlotte, N. C.

My Dear Dr. McCrorey:

I am sending you the following items of information which will interest you, I am sure. I am sending away by today's mail funds sufficient to meet in full the quota obligations of each of the three churches which it is my privilege to serve.

On Sunday, March 28, the St. Luke church at New Market, Tenn., had a very successful rally. I say very successful because we laid our plans to raise \$100.00, but when the evening's collection had been counted, we found that the day had netted us \$110.00. We were ready and willing to sing: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

We also ordained at the same church two elders: Mr. J. N. Craig and Mr. Edgar Brazelton.

May I not add that the church is spiritually alive. Only a short while ago the membership inaugurated the cottage prayer meeting plan, which is proving a success in getting in the prayer service those who would otherwise remain away.

Fraternally,
W. C. HARGRAVE.

THE FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAL.

The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of Fairfield Presbytery held its annual Spring meeting at Cheraw Second church, Cheraw, S. C. March 25-26, 1926. The theme was "Personal Responsibility."

The meeting was opened Thursday morning, March 25, at 11 o'clock, with Mrs. G. W. Long, President, presiding. Devotions were led by the delegates from Chesterfield. The enrollment of delegates was in order. The minutes of last meeting were read and adopted, and the society proceeded to business.

At 2:30 P. M., the subject, "A Reasonable Service," was discussed by Mrs. A. A. Jones and others, taken from Romans 12:1, 2. The discussion made us see anew our duty to God and humanity.

Friday morning, March 26th, at 11 o'clock, the Society was opened again with devotions led by Mrs. E. L. Roseborough, of Camden. The Scripture lesson was Isaiah 62:1-7. Mrs. Long, the President, presided.

The President made a very forceful and inspiring address on the subject, "Meeting Our Responsibilities." Some of the words spoken by the speaker will linger in our memories and in our hearts for many years to come.

"What is Your Society Responsible For?" was very ably discussed by Mrs. Vinson, of Columbia. After hearing the subject discussed by Mrs. Vinson and others I am sure every delegate got a new vision of the responsibility of her individual society.

The Fairfield Presbytery was divided into districts, each presided over by a Superintendent. The project was an overwhelming success. The quota of \$480 was not only raised, but \$635.15 was realized, a surplus of \$155.15 including a collection of \$34.15 taken up on Friday night, (Woman's night.)

A program was rendered as usual Friday evening at 8 o'clock, including a pageant by the school, which was very impressive. The lesson that was taught by it will have a lasting impress on all who were present and able to interpret it.

Now to close these few remarks without saying something about the good people of Chesterfield would be worse than ingratitude, for they, the members of Grand View Presbyterian church, extended a cordial invitation to both the members of the Presbytery and the Presbyterial to a reception on Thursday, 25th, and we went, and nobody regretted her going. We feel very much obligated to them.

We wish to say also that the people of Cheraw are a most hospitable group. They never tire trying to make you comfortable. We will be glad when September comes so we will have a chance to repay some of the hospitality, when they come to Camden to the Presbytery.

MRS. E. L. ROSEBOROUGH.

THE DANCE CRAZE.

The Charlotte Ministerial Alliance Decries Growing Evil and Sounds Warning.

(Keen observers of social tendencies see in the dance-craze that prevails throughout the country grave danger to the moral character of our young people and to the spiritual life of our churches. The Charlotte Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance, in the sub-joined address, calls attention to the evils of dancing and voices a timely warning.—Ed.)

Whereas, All thoughtful students of the social and moral conditions of this age are becoming alarmed at the amazing amount of immorality, lawlessness in society, and the growing criminal tendency among the young, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of the city of Charlotte, in a recent discussion of these conditions, have agreed that the cause and remedy can be found in the three greatest American institutions, namely: the Home, the Church and the School.

These institutions have been the bulwarks of American civilization, and when they are threatened, disaster is imminent. It does not take a pessimist to discover that each of these institutions is derelict in its duty to the youth of the land, in giving them a deeper moral training.

Be it resolved, therefore, that we call first upon the fathers and mothers to re-educate themselves to the task given them of God, to renew their activities in the training and development of the youth of the land, that they may be better prepared to accept the responsibilities of citizenship.

Be it resolved, second, that we call upon the churches, through the Sabbath schools and religious auxiliaries, to help dissipate this growing desire for jazz and lightness, by building into their programs those things that tend toward spiritual development, emphasizing the truth that the only hope of the world is in the religion of Jesus Christ.

Be it resolved, third, that we call upon the teachers of our public schools to appreciate the superior opportunity that has been given them, in directing young lives in the proper channels. We believe that the greatest evil in our midst today is the dance evil. Nothing has done, or is doing more to shatter the morals of the young people of our group than the modern dance. We have changed its name often but have failed to change its character. We look with disfavor and disgust on the big hold the dance craze has on our children around the schools. We vigorously protest against the "Charleston," the "mess around," and all forms of dances. We plead with the teachers to appreciate the fact that the State has committed to them its most sacred trust and solemn duty of directing the course of the lives of its future citizens; and that they are setting in motion influences that are to go on either damning or blessing those that come under their tutelage.

Charlotte Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance.
S. J. HOWIE, Acting Pres.
H. M. SMITH, Sec.
Members present: W. M. Wells, S. E. Baker, John C. Taylor, Sr., R. P. Wyche, J. J. Steele, H. M. Moore, J. H. Stevenson, S. W. Hamilton, H. L. Simmons, N. McCain, P. M. Mayfield, I. S. M. Holland, N. D. King, J. Francis Lee, A. A. Croke, L. B. West, H. A. Keaton.

CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PETERSBURG, VA.

Our pastor, the Rev. J. E. Tice, S. T. B., preached a very inspiring sermon, March 28. He had for his subject, "The Three Fires," taken from the text, "He shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire," Matt. 3:11.

The members of Central church have been working very hard for the past three or four weeks. A few rally was on under the leadership of one of our deaconesses, Mrs. Mollie Loftin,

and every one seemed anxious to "go over the top," or make the rally a success, with the result that on Sunday, March 21, after listening to an inspiring sermon by our pastor, the committee turned over to the church \$92.72.

The following complete the list of our Deacons Board:

Mrs. Nannie J. Bragg, Mrs. J. E. Tice, Mrs. Patsie Thomas, Mrs. Ursula Jones, Mrs. Mollie Loftin, Mrs. Alice A. Claiborne, Mrs. Maria Edmunds, Mrs. Mammie E. Hill, Mrs. Susie B. Harris, and Mrs. Susie Bragg.

Rev. Dr. I. H. Russell, on his way to a Northern city to hold a revival stopped over one night, the 18th inst., and preached for us. Central church is always glad to see Dr. Russell. He has a host of friends here in Petersburg. We hope to hear him again some time during the summer in a good old time revival in Central church.

Dr. Russell is at himself again and this is an answer to our prayers. If there ever was a place that needed some of the good old time religion this is the place.

Beautiful music will characterize the Easter Sunday services to be given Easter Sunday evening, at 8 P. M., in Central church.

Let us pray that Central may continue to march on.
A MEMBER.

EBENEZER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, NEW BERN.

By Miss Allie Gray Sutton

We are still working and working hard in every way we know to meet the requirements and needs of the church.

The reaper death has come into our midst again taking from us two of our most faithful members, Mrs. Mary Norris and Mrs. Lucinda Stanley. Both of these good women had been sick for quite a long time and were not able to be with us in services; but they were always cheerful when they were visited by the pastor and other members. They continued to pray for the church and those working for it. We will miss them.

On March 21st we were fortunate in having with us the Shipyard men who rendered a very nice program at our church. Rev. O. E. Sanders preached a special sermon to the men in the morning. The amount raised that day by these men was \$35.35. We are always glad to have them with us and we hope they will come again.

The Stitch and Chatter Club recently gave a unique affair in the form of a sock social which was a success. Fifty dollars and fifty-six cents was realized.

The Ladies' Missionary Society gave a fish supper in the basement of the church some nights ago. It was a success also.

The Stitch and Chatter Club turned over to the church the sum of \$70.50. Most of this amount was realized from the sock social.

We are very glad to know that Mrs. Peggie Speights, Mammie Garrett and Miss Lucy Dudley are well again. Mrs. Martha Dudley is still sick; also little George T. Blackledge.

Sunday morning, March 28th, Rev. O. E. Sanders preached from Psalm 92:12, subject, "Palm Tree Christians."

LAURA STREET CHURCH, JACKSONVILLE, FLA.

By Mrs. B. S. Harris.

Our pastor has been preaching some of the most wonderful, helpful, instructive and interesting sermons on the true meaning of Lent.

Sunday morning, March 28, we listened to a most beautiful sermon by the pastor, Dr. E. J. Gregg, from St. Matt. 21:5, and Psalm 24:7. "Behold the King." The pastor pointed out that Jesus could use all the idle folk just as he used the idle ass in making his last journey to Jerusalem. There is work for all of us. All during the Lenten season the theme has been such as to lead our minds to a higher and deeper spiritual attainment.

The church has received a great spiritual uplift.

The work of the old year has been completed and we have entered upon the new with the determination to do more for the Master and His cause.

We are still growing in numbers. Two have been added to the church.

On Sunday night under the auspices of the choir the Minnehaha Club gave a delightful program. In addition to several musical numbers, a paper and a recitation, there was an address by Prof. E. H. Williams, Principal of Linville school, and a pantomime, "The Holy City." A nice sum was realized in the collection. All present felt that the evening was well spent.

Mrs. Maggie Williams is somewhat indisposed.

Rev. N. A. Johnson and Mr. Wm. White, of Ft. Pierce, Fla., were in the city last Wednesday and Thursday on business. Rev. Johnson is doing a splendid work in Fort Pierce. Their new stone church is just about completed.

Our Presbytery will meet at the Goodwill 2nd Presbyterian church, April 7th.

Prof. F. M. Morton, who is our chorister, is bringing things to pass.

Miss Maud Harper, of Chester, S. C., one of Duval County teachers, has just closed a very successful term, and is now visiting friends in St. Augustine, Fla.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. S. W. Carter.

Sunday morning in the presence of a large audience Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Matt. 21:8-9, subject, "The March of the King." The sermon was said to be one of the best ever preached by the pastor. The offering was \$76.00.

The Junior congregation will take up their own offering, beginning April 4, immediately after their sermon. All the members of the Junior congregation have subscribed to the budget of the church.

Mrs. Alma Baker is much improved at this writing. It is hoped she will be out in a few weeks.

Among the many visitors at our morning service were President and Mrs. Bluford, of A. & T. College, together with many of the faculty members and students.

The Sunday school was largely attended yesterday. The Earnest Workers' Bible Class yielded the financial banner to Up and Doing Class for the first time in several weeks.

The Missionary Society met last Thursday with Mrs. Edna Hunter. Refreshments were plentifully served at the close of the meeting.

The Junior choir furnished the music Sunday night with Miss Maran Miller at the piano. The Juniors will serve each Sunday evening for the present. The choir consists of 24 boys and girls.

Elder W. T. Murphy gave beautiful decorations for the Palm Sunday services. Mr. Murphy has been furnishing flowers for the church the past 12 or more years.

Mrs. Georgia Caldwell is expected to be out for the Easter services. Her many friends are rejoicing at her recovery from a serious illness.

Rev. and Mrs. Sevier spent Sunday at Graham. Mrs. Sevier is seldom absent from the morning services.

A NOTABLE CONTRIBUTION.

The most unusual act that has come to our notice in a long time was the payment of \$105.00 to Brooklyn Presbyterian church by Mrs. Taylor on a recent Sabbath. Mrs. Taylor and her husband, a son of the late Rev. S. G. Taylor, have been members of Brooklyn church for several years, but have lived in Buffalo, N. Y., for the past four or five years. On returning here she was so pleased with the new edifice and other evidences of progress on the part of the church during her absence, that she made the contribution as noted above. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor are not wealthy people and the gift no doubt represents a sacrifice, prompted by church pride and loyalty.

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.
St. Matthews White Oak, S. C.

Knox Presbytery

St. Paul Cordele, Ga.
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.
Salem Anderson, S. C.
Walker's Chapel Reidsville, S. C.
Bowers Chapel Wellford, S. C.
Mt. Zion Due West, S. C.
Sloan's Chapel Clinton, S. C.
Mattoon Greenville, 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.
Davidson church Davidson, N. C.
Green St. church Morganton

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.
Miller Memorial Birmingham, Ala.

Rogersville Presbytery

Bethesda Johnson City, Tenn.

Hodge Presbytery

Christ church Augusta, Ga.
Bethany Conyers, Ga.
St. James church Decatur, Ga.

Le Vere Presbytery

Leonard Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Bethel church Dandridge, Tenn.
St. Luke New Market, Tenn.
Rice church Newport, Tenn.

NEGRO HEALTH WEEK

National Negro Health Week will be observed in Charlotte beginning April 6th. During the week our group will engage in many health activities. Chief among them will be a Free Medical Clinic under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A., Thursday and Friday afternoons from 3 to 5 o'clock.

Dr. Clyde Donnell, Medical Director, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company, who is promoting the clinic, will be assisted by the following local physicians: Drs. E. F. Tyson, J. A. Pethel, Sterling F. Hogsan, E. E. Blackman, N. B. Houser, T. E. Craig, W. P. Carter and W. H. Graves. The services of these physicians will be furnished free of charge.

The management of the "Y" is anxious to make this clinic a success and is urging colored Charlottee to take advantage of this opportunity to safeguard its health. "Keep well beats get well." All are welcome. Remember the time and place. Thursday and Friday afternoons, April 8th and 9th, Phyllis Wheatley Y. W. C. A., 405 S. Brevard Street.

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 some elder or preacher talk on the subject and collect what they can for the paper.

N. BELL.