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THE FUNERAL OF DR. CARR

Within two weeks of the thirty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate of the Holbrook Street Presbyterian church, Danville, Va., the last Sunday in July, 1926, in the midst of the preparations for this service, Dr. W. E. Carr fell on sleep, at Ivy Avenue Beach, Newport News, Va., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Pinkett, the latter Mrs. Louise Carr Pinkett, his daughter, Tuesday night, July 13, 1926.

His longing to return home to Danville as the time of his anniversary drew near was not consummated, and what was to be his anniversary plans were transformed into solemn dirges! He had gone home,—tired, mayhap, after thirty-five years of toil, but not now.

Dr. Carr, with Mrs. Carr, went down to the coast under orders of his physician, in the hope that his broken health might be restored. He had planned to go later to Portsmouth, Va., to spend a little time with Dr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott, the latter his younger daughter, Mrs. Laura Carr Elliott.

The funeral was held from the Holbrook Street Presbyterian church, Danville, Va., Thursday, July 15th, at 3:30 o'clock P. M. The body rested in the church from its arrival from Newport News, early Thursday morning, till late evening. During this time parishioners, friends, town's people of both races filed by and looked upon the familiar face that every child knew.

The setting for the solemn occasion was beautiful for its simplicity, consonant with the wishes of Dr. Carr who in his best hours had made suggestions as to the final rites. The casket was literally covered with the choicest flowers, and others were banked in profusion around the chancel, relieved with stately palms adjacent to the pulpit and choir in rear.

The service began with an organ "processional," from Bethoven, while the funeral party was being seated. This was followed by "Lead, Kindly Light" by the choir, with Miss Elenora Reynolds at the organ. There were two brief Scripture lessons read, and prayer. Miss Edna Gunn sang impressively, "Only Remembered by What We Have Done."

The service was in charge of Rev. Geo. P. Watkins, of Martinsville, Va., assisted by Rev. W. M. Fowlkes, Leaksville, N. C., Rev. A. A. Hector, Richmond, Va., Rev. A. Kendrick, So. Boston, Va.; Rev. George H. Henderson, Charleston, S. C., Dr. J. Cleveland Hall, Rector of the church of the Epiphany (white), Danville; Dr. W. T. Doggett, Pastor of Shelton Memorial Presbyterian church (white), Danville; Dr. Levinson, specialist (white), Danville; Dr. Geo. W. Goode, Calvary Baptist church, Danville; Dr. W. T. Hall, High Street Baptist church, Danville; Prof. W. F. Grasty of the city schools; Dr. Johnson, Trinity Baptist church, Danville, and Rev. H. C. Miller, of Greensboro, N. C., three of whom made remarks.

A series of resolutions was mentioned, two of which, one from the Presbytery of Southern Virginia, and one from the city ministers, were read.

The recessional by the choir was, "O, Rugged Cross," and it was then in the view of the great congregation a most impressive picture was presented as the rays of light from the going down sun of a perfect day streamed through the stained glass window in the west, back of the pulpit, flooding all with a soft glow, symbolic of peace and repose, not unlike what is seen at Napoleon's tomb in the Invalides, Paris,—the afterglow of a hero of world conquests, but here, it was that of a hero of the cross.

Among the pall bearers were officials of the church and mutual citizens: Messrs. P. H. Doswell, Prof. J. T. Page, Dr. A. L. Winslow, R. F. Green, W. L. Wade, W. T. Beavers, W. D. Ivy, Prof. Hairston, U. S. Cunningham, L. W. Brooks, W. Thompson.

The final obsequies took place in Harmony Cemetery, Washington, D. C., at 2 o'clock P. M., Friday, July 16, Dr. H. Blanton Taylor, pastor of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church, officiating.

Among those present from out of town, who journeyed to Washington and those there for the last rites, were: Mrs. W. E. Carr, Danville, Va.; Mrs. W. W. Pinkett, Newport News, Va.; Dr. and Mrs. Frank Elliott, Portsmouth, Va.; Miss Ellen L. Fisher, Washington, D. C.; Prof. Thos. A. Long, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.; Miss Nannie Johnson, New York; Mrs. Annie Wilson, Baltimore, Md.; Mrs. Rosa Brooks Daniels, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Roxie Brooks McNair, Greensboro, N. C.; Mrs. King, Reidsville, N. C.; Mrs. F. G. Humbles, Paducah, Ky.; Dr. and Mrs. Kelly Miller, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. T. Carr, Mrs. W. K. Price, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Inge Wilson, Mrs. Lena Paine, Mrs. M. J. Harvey, Dr. H. B. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Jones, Miss M. L. Gladman, Mr. W. P. Pope, Mrs. Prater, Miss Prater, Mr. Gray, Mr. Moon, all of Washington.

Floral offerings were sent from a great number of relatives, friends and organizations out of the city; among them were: Board of Elders and Deacons, Holbrook Street church, Danville; the Faculty of the Industrial High School, the church choir, Trinity Baptist church, Lynn Street A. M. E. church, Woman's Missionary Society, Sunday school, Christian Endeavor Society, the Ruth Carr and W. A. Yancey Memorial Bible Classes, The Twentieth Century Art Club, Providence Hospital, City Pastors, all of Danville; Mrs. E. L. Fisher, Washington; Rev. and Mrs. G. P. Watkins, Martinsville, Va.; Prof. and Mrs. W. W. Sanders, Charleston, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Green, Miss Nannie Johnson and Mrs. Lizzie Harvey Thornton, of New York.

Dr. Carr is survived by his widow, Mrs. Evelyn J. Carr, two daughters, Mrs. Louise Carr Pinkett, wife of Mr. W. W. Pinkett, a well known business man, of Newport News, Va.; Mrs. Laura Carr Elliott, wife of Dr. Frank Elliott, a practicing physician, of Portsmouth, Va.; one son, Dr. John D. Carr, of Knoxville, Tenn.; one sister, Mrs. Annie Wilson, of Baltimore, Md., several grandchildren and many relatives.

Dr. Carr came to Danville, July, 1891, took charge of the church and school work—the Holbrook Street Presbyterian church and the Danville Industrial High School—and for thirty-five years went in and out before the people with clean hands, a pure heart, and an upright life, and a worker of whom the Master was not ashamed. He saw the work grow and those who worked with him loved him for his fidelity to truth and high Christian ideals. Intimate acquaintance with him revealed the man, strong in character, a presbyter, a citizen, gentle, unassuming, in the pulpit a man of God.

In Harmony Cemetery, in the District of Columbia, all that was mortal of him now rests beside his loved ones on a knoll overlooking the hills of Maryland, his native heath.

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MANY COLORED DELEGATES ATTEND Y. M. C. A. MEET IN FINLAND.

New York—Ten colored men, seven boys, and two Negro college students will be among the American delegation to the World's Conference of the Y. M. C. A., which meets in Helsingfors, Finland, August 1 to 6. Most of these men and boys sailed from New York on July 16. The boys will be members of one of the "world friendship tours," conducted every year under the auspices of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A. here.

Max Yeagan, a graduate of Shaw University, who has achieved an international reputation by reason of his work for the Young Men's Christian Association in South Africa, will be one of the speakers at a night session of the conference on August 2. At the close of the meetings there, Mr. Yeagan will go to Denmark, where he will attend a meeting of the General Committee of the World Student Christian Federation. Members of the colored delegation will also serve as discussion leaders of devotional exercises at Helsingfors, where fifty-two countries will be represented.

Channig H. Tobias, senior secretary of the Colored Work Department of the National Council, and Ralph W. Bullock, national secretary for work among colored boys, will head the colored group from this country. Local colored Y. M. C. A.'s will be represented by the following prominent men:

Louisville, Ky.—Dr. James Bond, state Y. M. C. A. colored work secretary, and international secretary for Kentucky.

Detroit, Mich.—H. S. Dunbar, secretary of the St. Antoine Branch.

Atlanta, Ga.—Dr. John Hope, President of Morehouse College, and a member of both the National Council and the General Board of the Y. M. C. A.

Wichita, Kans.—W. L. Hutcherson, secretary Water Street Branch.

Denver, Colo.—L. H. Lightener, chairman of the committee on Management, Glenarm Branch Y. M. C. A.

Cleveland, Ohio—A. H. Martin, an attorney, Vice chairman of the Cedar Avenue Branch Y. M. C. A.

Cincinnati, Ohio—Dr. William T. Nelson, a member of the Ohio State Committee and the National Council.

Bordentown, N. J.—W. R. Valentine, Principal of the Bordentown Manual Training and Industrial School and a member of the National Council.

The boys who will make the trip to Helsingfors as delegates are: Burton Curry, Springfield, Ohio; Kenneth Eldridge, Hartford, Conn.; Hightower Kealing, Kansas City, Kan.; Arthur Method, Columbus, Ohio; A. V. Smith, Fort Worth, Texas; C. C. Spaulding, Jr., Durham, N. C.; and Thomas Tolbert, Dallas, Texas.

Burton Curry is the son of Prof. E. W. B. Curry, head of the Curry Institute, Urbana, Ohio. The Rev. S. T. Eldridge, pastor of Shiloh Baptist church at Hartford, is the father of Kenneth Eldridge. Arthur Method is the son of Dr. W. A. Method, chairman of the Springfield Branch of the Columbus, Ohio, Y. M. C. A. Spaulding's father, C. C. Spaulding, is President of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company.

Hightower Kealing is the son of the late H. T. Kealing, President of Western University, Kansas City, Kan. Tolbert and Smith represent the Hi-Y clubs of Texas.

Two college students also will serve as delegates. They are: John Dillingham, Yale Divinity School, New Haven, Conn., and E. W. Riley, Florida Memorial College, Live Oak, Fla. Mr. Dillingham is a graduate of Shaw University and a representative

of the colored student Y. M. C. A. on the National Student Council. With Mr. Yeagan he will attend the World Student Christian Federation meeting in Denmark as official representative of the Colored Student Associations of this country. Mr. State Council of Colored Riley is chairman of the Florida Student Associations.

The conference at Helsingfors, which it is believed, may result in "the inauguration of a new working alliance between scientific investigation and the assurances of the Christian faith," will be devoted largely to a study of boys and their problems. In preparation for the discussions there, a survey has been made in all of the fifty-two countries to obtain a closer appreciation of the youth through consultation with the boys themselves.

Colored boys in a number of American communities have participated in these preliminary discussions. On the whole, they seemed to favor more responsibility for youth. One group believed that boys without homes make better men, and that a boy who has a home should be responsible for helping to build it, and should be paid for his work and treated as a partner.

MORE ABOUT DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOLS IN CATAWBA SYNOD.

By Frank C. Shirley

In Catawba Synod this has been a wonderful year for the Daily Vacation Bible School. The records when compiled will show twice as many schools as had last year with more than twice the enrollment.

It is indeed gratifying to note how willingly the pastors and Sunday school superintendents are cooperating with the missionaries in this project. There are five missionaries and five special D. V. B. S. workers employed in the Synod this summer, and we are all going like bees to keep up with the calls for assistance in putting on these schools.

The work in all the schools has been commendable. Many of them have over a hundred enrolled and many of the churches are conducting "Standard Schools."

In several places there has been splendid community cooperation. In some places the city nurses have volunteered to give the children talks on health and lessons in first aid. In other places the ministers, physicians and other interested men and women have volunteered to give daily talks at the closing period. In Goldsboro the Director of the Community Center gave her service in supervising the recreation period for the children.

Catawba Presbytery will, perhaps, lead in the number of schools according to Presbyteries. And the city of Charlotte will lead in individual communities: four out of five churches in the city will conduct schools, namely, Brooklyn, Brandon, Church Street and Biddleville. A large number of our rural churches are to carry on schools during the latter part of July and in the month of August.

On a recent trip I visited the Vacation Schools at Chadbourne, Salisbury, Statesville, Brooklyn (Charlotte), Kinston, Wilson, Goldsboro, Rocky Mount and Sanford. Each of these schools enrolled over a hundred children and some of them maintained a daily average of over a hundred. I have received excellent reports of the progress being made in the schools that are in session in Carthage, Monroe, Lloyd (Winston-Salem), Faith (Aberdeen), Westminster (Concord), and other places. It seems that the day is not far distant when every church in the Synod will foster a D. V. B. S.

HAPPENINGS IN ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERY.

Efforts of the Sabbath school missionaries have not been in vain. That God is prospering this work is evidenced in the lives of the people among whom they labor. Building of good roads by the government the last few years in the mountains of Virginia, North Carolina and Tennessee has enabled the missionaries to carry the gospel into remote sections where Sunday schools have been organized and family altars set up and maintained through our mission Board. As a result, real good has been accomplished.

In many sections the only religious teaching is through missionary activity, there being no public schools or churches. It is remarkable to note how conditions in these sections have changed in the last few years.

Little corn patches here and there in the foothills of the mountains have almost disappeared, which means that the former moonshiner is no longer dicker with illicit whiskey, but since good roads and automobiles have brought him closer to civilization, and since his children from the mission Sunday schools are telling him to obey God and the law, he finds that Christianity and citizenship are so closely allied that to be one, one must be the other also, hence, he has sought and found more honorable employment than moonshining.

One day, or night, rather, a moonshiner with eyes bleared and breath tainted from the constant use of whiskey heard his little daughter pray just before retiring. He seemed worried, having apparently spent a restless night. The next morning he asked: "Rosa, where did you learn what you said last night?" "At the mission school," she replied. "What do you mean by kingdom come?" he asked. "Our teacher says when men do God's will on earth as angels do it in heaven then God's kingdom will come to earth, but we must do nothing wrong nor attempt that which our conscience condemns. When we do these things we are preventing and delaying God's Kingdom on earth."

The father, who, according to his own statement, had never heard the Lord's prayer before, was converted, changed his mode of living, applied for an honorable job and now his home is one of peace and happiness.

But what pleases Rosa most is, as she puts it—"Daddy goes every Sabbath with me to my mission Sabbath school."

Be it said, then, to the credit of the Board of National Missions, that the bear-eyed, whiskey-soaked, beer-guzzling, wife beater, as Billy Sunday terms him, is a thing of the past; and, better still, men previously engaged in such activities have caught the vision of the new life, and, like Rosa, are praying for God's Kingdom to come. Can you imagine a little child praying for God's Kingdom to come, and a father, the head and director of the home, too drunk to understand? This is what really happened.

Our Presbytery and Sunday School Convention convene August 4th with the Ninth Street Presbyterian church, Bristol, Tenn. A large delegation is expected. Members and friends are making ready in anticipation of a pleasant session.

The meeting will adjourn August 8th and the members will leave forthwith by autos for the School or Methods which meets this year at Barber College, Anniston, Ala. The lineup as partly arranged is as follows: Cadillac touring car, Packard touring car, Studebaker touring car, Hupmobile touring car, Essex touring car, Hudson touring car, Cadillac Sedan, Dodge Sedan.

They will arrive in Chattanooga Sunday night at 12:15. Leaving Monday morning they

will arrive at Anniston about 11:45 A. M. We hope our good Dean, Rev. J. B. Barber, will lead us from Chattanooga to Anniston as he is acquainted with the roads. I am still registering students for the School of Methods.

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Bristol, Tenn.

A VOICE FROM OKLAHOMA.

At this season of the year we are pleased to see so many reports of successful Daily Vacation Bible Schools all over the country. It looks like the Vacation School has come to stay. At least that is what Mt. Olive Presbyterian church in Okmulgee has decided. Continuation work will be carried on in the form of a week-day church school, meeting every Wednesday from 4 to 5.

Ours is the all-Bible school. This all-Bible type of Vacation Bible School is, perhaps, the best evangelizing agency in existence, when considered from the youth standpoint. By eliminating the hand work, with the exception of drawing, and spending much time on memory work and dramatization of Bible stories, the Word of God takes its rightful place as the most important thing in the life committed to our care. The writer has tried both types of schools, having served as Supervisor of this work in the Metropolitan District of Greater New York under the International Association of Daily Vacation Bible Schools where craftwork was emphasized. The argument that the whole alone will become monotonous when studied without the hand-work is not true. Nothing is so fascinating as the Word of God, when taught by trained and consecrated leaders.

Our faculty was a most efficient group of Christian leaders. Mrs. J. M. White, our Principal, is a Scotia Seminary graduate, and served in an ideal way. Mrs. Mary West, of New York, with her assistant, Mrs. P. A. Watt, of Buffalo, gave us a first class kindergarten. Mrs. Clark, who comes with experience from the Mississippi public school system, did fine work with the Primary, as did Mrs. Wilson, in the Intermediate Department. Mrs. N. C. Mayle organized and taught the Boys' Department.

The music was in charge of Miss Leontine Pettiford, who formed a Junior choir which sang in several churches and in the Rotary club (white). A remarkable feature of the work was a large High School Department, the members of which have resolved to complete the required course of study leading to a Bible School diploma. This class was taught by the Principal and frequently reviewed by the pastor, Rev. W. W. Mayle. The school lasted five weeks, having an enrollment of 142, with an average attendance far in excess of the summer public school.

Closing exercises were held Friday night, July 16, and there was a grand commencement program on Sunday night. A special sermon was delivered to the school by Dr. J. E. Toombs, of the A. M. E. church. The largest audience ever assembled here greeted the school at its closing. The entire city is expressing itself in the highest terms of praise to the Presbyterian church and Pastor-evangelist Mayle who put over the finest effort of its kind ever witnessed in these parts. More than 1600 stars were given for work done and perfect attainments. Also several books and a Bible were awarded as honors.

Inspired by the work done here, our pastor was asked to assist in the organizing of a similar school in Boggs, Weewoka and Sharps. These schools will run three weeks beginning next week.

W. W. M.