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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 32.

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## GOVERNOR MCLEOD DEFERS PROSECUTION

Columbia, S. C., Dec. 1.—(AP) Blocked in his plans for a speedy beginning of court proceedings against suspected members of the Aiken mob who lynched the three Lowmans, Governor McLeod today continued his investigation of the crime with a view to turning over as complete a case as possible to Major J. G. Richards when the latter takes over the Governor's office on January 18.

A formal statement issued late yesterday said the Governor, against his own desire, had bowed to the recommendation of Attorney-General John W. Daniel and Solicitor Berte D. Carter that no special term of court be ordered for grand jury action but that the case be allowed to go over until the next regular term in Aiken, which is set for the fourth Monday. The statement said that Daniel and Carter, who will be in charge of any prosecution that may develop, felt that results would be more likely of achievement at the regular term than by calling the special term proposed by the Governor.

Judge J. Henry Johnson, of Allendale, will be presiding at the January term.

The Governor announced that his investigators would be kept on the trail of the lynchers up to the last minute he is in office.

### Chronology of Events That Led To Lynching and Investigation.

(From New York World.)

Following is a chronology of events surrounding the lynching of three Negroes at Aiken, S. C., and the subsequent investigation:

April 25, 1925—Sheriff H. H. Howard killed in raid on a shack occupied by a Negro family named Lowman at Monetta. Annie Lowman, mother of girl and young man later lynched, also killed. Sam Lowman, husband of Annie, and five of his family arrested and two boys removed to Columbia penitentiary.

April 26—Funeral services for Sheriff Howard in which Klan participated.

April 27—Inquest finds Howard met death at hands of Negroes. The same day a raid on the Lowman house uncovers two jars of corn whiskey behind a chicken coop.

First week May—Sam Lowman tried without counsel, convicted on possessing liquor and sentenced to two years hard labor.

Night of May 8—Lowmans, still suffering from bullet wounds, taken to Aiken jail.

May 9—Bertha, Demon, Clarence, Bridie and Rosa Lowman arraigned in circuit court on a charge of first degree murder.

May 12—Trial begun, ending two weeks later in conviction of Bertha, Demon and Clarence and acquittals ordered by Court of Bridie and Rosa.

June 12—Bertha sentenced to life imprisonment, having received recommendation of mercy. Clarence and Demon sentenced to electrocution.

June 22—Last day for notice of appeal. N. J. Frederick, Negro lawyer of Columbia, files notice; defense counsel having failed to do so.

October, 1925—Appeal argued before State Supreme Court.

April 26, 1926—Klan Memorial service for Sheriff Howard on Cemetery Hill, Graniteville.

May 27—State Supreme Court decision reversing first trial on grounds defendants' interests were not properly protected and that no evidence of conspiracy to warrant first degree murder conviction for all three Negroes had been produced.

First week October—Lowmans removed from penitentiary in Columbia at night to Aiken and new trial begun.

Oct. 7—Special Judge Lan-

ham rules he will order acquittal of Demon Lowman of murder charge.

Oct. 7, 11 P. M.—Wire lighting jail cut, eight miles from town.

Oct. 8, 4 A. M.—Three Lowmans removed from Aiken jail by mob and shot to death in pine woods two miles from town.

Oct. 8, Noon—Governor McLeod in Columbia announces he will investigate but emphasizes "difficulties."

Oct. 8—Coroner's inquest and Grand Jury investigation begun.

Oct. 9—Inquest closes with verdict Lowmans died at hands of "persons unknown."

Oct. 24-28—Walter White investigates lynching for National Association for Advancement of Colored People.

Oct. 28—Grand Jury discharged when it reports it is unable to obtain evidence sufficient to warrant an indictment.

Oct. 31—Correspondent of The World arrives in Columbia.

Nov. 3—The World obtains copies of affidavits sworn to by Aiken jail prisoners, accusing present sheriff of aiding lynchers.

Nov. 4—W. W. Rogers, Governor's detective, begins investigation at scene of lynching.

Nov. 10—Aiken prisoners removed to Columbia penitentiary, and (Nov. 11) six make affidavits.

Nov. 24—Gov. McLeod announces he has obtained new evidence from others than prisoners, corroborating some of prisoners' statements and also implicating others not hitherto named publicly. Says he will be able to take definite action within ten days or two weeks.

## SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE, ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

By N. Adrene Holston

The Yellow Jackets, our football team, met in a combat on the home field, Friday, Nov. 19th, with the Bristolites. The Yellow Jackets went out to do their best. Each side played well. The Yellow Jackets led in the first half, but finally the Bristolites made two important plays which caused them to gain on Swift. Our hats are off to all of our men. Each one played clean football. Each side played well and is to be commended for their manners. The scores were 7-0 in favor of the Bristolites.

A social was given in the reception hall in honor of the visiting football team. Coach Chase of Bristol, and Captain Morris of Bristol, spoke in behalf of the Bristol team. Coach Lee and Captain Armstrong spoke in behalf of Swift's football team.

The Y. W. C. A. is planning to give a play, "The Wanderer." The Thursday evening prayer meeting, November 18, was led by Mr. Robert Geans, a ministerial student. He emphasized many interesting points. Mr. Geans is destined to be a helpful leader of the race.

The Ladies' Society of Pittsburgh, of the Presbyterian of Pittsburgh, has installed a modern heating plant in the boys' dormitory and it is considered one of the best in the country. The boys are comfortably situated.

The dining hall has been equipped recently with new silver through the kindness of Mrs. Sively. We wish to express our appreciation for the kindness shown us by our friends.

Thanksgiving services were held in the chapel at 10 o'clock. President Tucker spoke to the students on "Gratitude." A contribution was given by the faculty and students. Dr. W. H. Franklin offered prayer.

Dr. and Mrs. Franklin entertained in their beautiful home in a Thanksgiving dinner, the following students: Misses Ethel Coleman, Vera Crawford, Nettie Smith, Annie B. Thomas

and N. Adrene Holston. The afternoon was delightfully spent.

The Yellow Jackets, our football team, met the Greenville College team, on the Greenville field Thanksgiving Day at 3:30 o'clock. The Yellow Jackets put up a hard fight. The first touchdown was made by a Swift man. The game was a tie. We are proud of our team as they are destined to gain recognition in the athletic world. Mrs. Hoyrl chaperoned a group of girls to Greenville to see the game. In spite of the unfavorable weather everyone spent an enjoyable day.

Mrs. Walker, of Dalton, Ga., is visiting her daughter.

Miss Wakefield, who was recently called home, is expected to return to the campus in a few days.

## CHURCH UNITY.

It should interest those who have long favored church unity to learn that unless something unforeseen interferes a serious effort will be made next year at Lusanne, Switzerland, to bring about a better understanding between the various Church groups and the various Catholic groups outside the Roman Catholic faith. For long years the subject of Church unity has been a favorite one among those who delight in insisting that the Christian religion can never advance as it should so long as it is split into many denominations and remains at wide variance in its interpretation of important passages of Scripture. These will take new heart, though it must be apparent that the task of unification is an almost hopeless one.

The Rev. Charles H. Brent, of the Protestant Episcopal Church of Western New York, is announcing plans for the unification conference next year, and expresses the hope that it will result in plans whereby sectarian differences may be eradicated. It is to be known as the "World Conference on Faith and Order," and is not expected to duplicate the work of the conference held last year at Stockholm, Sweden. Reverend Brent points out that the latter conference dealt only with the practical side of religion. Discussion of the theoretical side was not permitted. The proposed conference is expected to deal solely with the theoretical side, since that side is directly responsible for a diversified religious belief. Any effort at unity must, therefore, deal with the theoretical.

It is not to be assumed anyone believes the coming conference will result in Church unification. You cannot create in a moment what it has taken a thousand years to destroy. But such a conference should create a better understanding among groups. Cooperation is the watchword of the day, and if the leaders of various Church nations can cooperate there is no reason why churches cannot. Announcement that the conference is not for the purpose of converting those in attendance to any particular doctrine, but that it is for the purpose of seeking and discussing the views of all should go far toward insuring the success of the undertaking. From such a purpose only good can come.—Miami (Fla.) Daily News.

CELEBRATION AT WINNSBORO, S. C.

Armistice day was celebrated at Calvary Presbyterian church Thursday night, November 11. Featuring the celebration were two keynote addresses, one by Prof. Patton, Principal of the white city schools, and Dr. Rosier, Supervisor of the colored county schools. Prof. Patton reviewed the World War and its causes and the part each race had in silencing the German guns. His address was very practical and inspiring and was well taken by the audience.

Dr. Rosier spoke brilliantly and praised the Negro soldiers for the gallant part they played in the World War. He said, in part, that it was the natural inclination of the Negro to fight, and when given guns and authority to fight that he was at home and the war had no terrors for him.

This is the first time the people of this town have honored our ex-soldiers and great praise is due the energetic pastor of our church, Rev. G. M. Ulmer, who, by his untiring efforts, made possible the reception. Rev. Ulmer has plans on foot to effect a permanent organization to make this day one of reverence to be celebrated annually.

Following the speaking the scene shifted to the Presbyterian school house where the ladies of our church served a delightful course of sandwiches, hot cocoa and cake to the entire congregation. After several games of hand ball and other amusements and a few remarks from Mr. Alvin Goins, who spoke for the ex-soldiers, the audience dispersed and the delightful program was brought to an end with cheers for Rev. Ulmer and Calvary Presbyterian church.

Rev. and Mrs. Ulmer are extremely happy over the addition to their family, Monday, Nov. 8th, at 8 A. M., of a girl, Loretta Alveta Ulmer. Both mother and baby are doing fine.

We have sent to Dr. Gaston \$9.50 as part of our one month's payment to the Board and will send the remainder December 1.

T. T. McRAE.

## HARBISON COLLEGE NOTES

By Mrs. A. F. Butler

Although we have been silent for sometime, many interesting things have taken place at Harbison.

The faculty, knowing the critical condition of the Board of National Missions, put on a program Monday evening, November 22, to aid in lifting the load. The program was as follows:

Music by the faculty.  
Invocation, Rev. E. W. Allen.  
Double Quartette, Messrs. Allen, Boulware, Butler, Reasoner, Sartor and Toatley.  
Recitation, Prof. R. W. Boulware.  
Short Play, "Time and Money," Profs. Boulware, Butler and Porter.  
Solo, Miss J. E. Young.  
Recitation, Prof. R. N. Toatley.  
Dialogue, Mrs. R. W. Boulware and Prof. J. P. Sartor.  
Solo, Prof. R. N. Toatley.  
Play, "How the Story Grew," by the ladies of the faculty.  
Double Quartette.

Wednesday morning the student body rallied to the call of the Board and raised a neat sum.

Thursday morning at eleven o'clock the students and faculty listened to an address on "Thanksgiving" by the President. In a clear and forceful manner he presented to us many reasons for being thankful.

Thursday evening we were highly entertained in the chapel by the Parochial School. The program consisted of recitations, songs, drills and a dramatic reading, entitled "Genevra."

The recital given by Roland Hayes was voted par excellence by those of our number who attended: Mesdames C. M. Young and M. A. Foster, Miss J. E. Young and company, Mrs. Grace Anderson, of Georgetown, S. C., and Prof. J. P. Sartor.

Our church, under Rev. J. G. Porter, is progressing. The church, too, is making special effort to raise funds for the Board.

The Ladies' Missionary Society presented "The Moslem World" in their popular meeting, November 14.

## ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Miss Susie H. Miller, Asst. Reporter.

Sunday, November 28, Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Genesis 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." From the subject: "Creation Exhibits the Power and Wisdom of God," the speaker thrillingly told the creation story, pointing out God's power and then His wisdom in the relation of things. Continuing the speaker said that man's achievements are great, but that behind man's greatness is the great Being, God.

Concluding the speaker said: "With all His power and wisdom, God is good; He is accessible to the humblest creature." The hearers were urged to fall in submission before the Creator of all things.

The unusually large congregation followed the discourse with much interest. There was one accession at the conclusion of the sermon.

The Sunday school was nearly up to normal yesterday. Four new members were enrolled. Banner for finance remains with Earnest Workers class and the banner for attendance with J. R. Nocho class.

Mrs. G. A. Bridges, our reporter, with her two children, is spending a while with her parents at Wilkesboro.

Mrs. Edna Wilkins was called to New Bern on account of the death of Dr. H. P. Kennedy.

Mrs. J. F. Watkins is being kept in doors by a severe cold. Her Sunday school class, as well as her many friends, hope to see her out soon.

Mr. W. J. Meares and Mr. C. A. Bridges spent Thanksgiving at Laurinburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Meares, with their four children, are making Greensboro their home. St. James welcomes these workers into the fold.

The Missionary Society gave a very successful Thanksgiving dinner in the church basement after the service Thursday. A neat sum was realized from the 50 cents turkey dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Phifer are back from New York for the winter. These are among the faithful at St. James church.

Mrs. Johnnie Gibson is ill. We hope to have her out at an early date.

The Christian Endeavor Society visited Mrs. Nettie Fuller at the Sanitorium last Sunday afternoon. Miss Fuller will soon be home again.

Master William Meares has paid his church dues through to 1927. He is a member of the Junior congregation.

## LADSON CHURCH, COLUMBIA, S. C.

By Miss Ruth E. Butler

During November we have been observing "National Missions Month." Services were held every night from November 14th through November 21. The general theme was, "The What, the Why and How of National Missions." Every department of the church took charge of the services one night. From the splendid papers and talks one could readily see that our people are realizing more and more the necessity of helping others. Quite a neat sum was raised.

The following is taken from our November Bulletin, "The Ladsonian":

"Mrs. Murray is planning to stage a play, 'The White Christmas,' which will take place Sabbath night, Dec. 19.

The Barbers' Contest which was held under the direction of Miss Charlotte Jackson, was quite a success. The barbers made a fine showing in this effort. A number of Columbia's best performers appeared on program.

The Ladies Aid Society, a new

organization in our church, of which Mrs. W. P. Denny, is acting President, gave "The Feast of the Seven Tables," which was also a success.

This Society is doing splendid work. A lovely living room suite and shades were recently put in the manse. This adds much to the comfort of the dwellers.

Miss Edith Butler, one of our charming young ladies who is a member of the faculty of the Second Ward High School, Charlotte, N. C., was home for the week-end with her family. We were glad to see her at church Sunday, November 7.

The November meeting of the Ladies' Missionary Society was held at the manse with Mrs. D. T. Murray entertaining. The ladies had an enjoyable and profitable meeting. They remembered the aged of the church at Thanksgiving time as usual.

Mrs. Counts, one of our oldest members, passed away Sunday, November 21.

Among the Columbians who attended Roland Hayes' recital in Charlotte were Prof. and Mrs. C. A. Johnson, Mrs. Mattie Johnson, Mr. Willis Johnson and Dr. and Mrs. G. T. Dillard.

## HODGE ACADEMY NEWS, WASHINGTON, GA.

Please allow me space in your valuable paper to tell of the good work our church is doing here in Washington, Ga.

Our energetic pastor, Rev. T. B. Hargrave, and his beloved wife are putting over a great program.

During the month of November our pastor told us of his plans to complete our full quota for benevolence and I am pleased to say we have gone far over the mark set for this one drive.

The congregation listened to Dr. Marquis over the radio on the third Sunday night and heard his address in Schenectady, N. Y., on National Missions, and the following night we began our drive which lasted one week, and as a result the sum of \$43 was sent to the Board this morning, making \$50 in all for this month. For a few repairs on the school and some expenses we raised an additional sum of \$23.45 which makes \$66.45 raised in one week. Much credit is due Mrs. Paralee Jackson, Miss Amanda Harris as well as others who gave valuable assistance in our drive.

Our pastor and his followers say that this is only a beginning, for we have a Christmas drive on foot and plans are being made for Spring.

Miss Theresa Stephenson, of Cheraw, S. C., who is a member of the faculty at Hodge Academy, is quite active in church as well as school work. We are pleased to have her here in our city.

Armistice Day was celebrated November 11 and all the schools took active part. Rev. N. B. Belcher, of the C. M. E. church, and Principal of the Washington High School, made an address; also Miss Simmons of the Shiloh Baptist school. Rev. Hargrave preached the Armistice Day sermon from the text, Isa. 2-4, "Nations shall not lift up the sword against nation."

This sermon was beautiful and full of information. The contribution went for missions. Hodge Academy took the prize at the County Fair and great praise was given the pupils of Hodge for their beautiful work.

Mrs. M. G. Hargrave, of Cincinnati, mother of Rev. Hargrave, recently spent six weeks in Washington. Mr. James Hargrave, a brother, also spent one week. We were all pleased to have them here in our city.

A great surprise came to us a few days ago. Miss Willie Matt Carter returned from Jacksonville and a few days later Mrs. Brown, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived, and they made known their marriage of a few

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