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GLOWING TRIBUTE

(From The Petersburg Press-Index, Dec. 18.)
A large, impressive gathering of friends and admirers and acquaintances paid fittingly the last tribute of homage to the emphy career of Mrs. May Louise Worsham-Seabrook yesterday afternoon at the funeral services held over her remains at 3:45 o'clock in the Gill Baptist church which, as a courtesy to St. Stephen's Protestant Episcopal church, under the rectorship of the Rev. Miller, B. D., deemed inadequate to accommodate its members and friends of its departed nunciant, granted its use.
The body of Mrs. Seabrook, whose end came rather unexpectedly last Sunday, following an illness since Tuesday of last week at her home in Fayetteville, N. C., where she had resided since becoming the bride of Prof. James Ward Seabrook, assistant Principal of Fayette State Normal School, on September 2, 1925, arrived Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Seabrook, nee Mayme Louise Worsham, native of Chesterfield county, graduate of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, 1915 and assistant director of the Home Economic department, 1919-'25; also a graduate of Temple University of Philadelphia and of Columbia University, of New York City, daughter of William V. Worsham, prominent and successful citizen and a successful of Chesterfield county.

Rector Emmett E. M. D., of St. Stephen's P. E. conducted the beautiful abridged Episcopal service with great solemnity and grace; who, following the reading of the "Crossing the Bar," by the quartet of the V. N. & I. Lute—Misses Gwendolyn Brown and V. Beatrice son, Messrs. W. A. Roger Archie Richardson, with Robert C. Bolling, organist. St. Stephen's, accompanied which occupied the choir, Cor. 15:20-28, which was marked by a fervent prayer offered by the pastor church, the Rev. Sam Brown. Concluding which Robinson gave a touching rendition, "The Sweetest Ever Told." In its wake F. L. Atkins, of North Carolina read a list of senders of telegrams and letters and expressions of condolence.

Then came a beautiful oration from the lips, brains and heart of Pastor Samuel A. which he paid to the deceased with words of cheer to the grief stricken. "Lead, Kindly Light," followed, rendered by the choir and at its close Rector brought the very impressive services to a finality in a eulogical eulogy of the character and useful service of the deceased nunciant, consuming but a few minutes in his affective delivery. As the processional mourners were moving in tread from the church to the last resting place, the body of the departed that rendered "Abide With Me" with consoling effect as of the numbers.

Surviving the deceased are: her husband and two sons; her step-mother, Monica C. Worsham; a sister, two brothers, Miss Inez Worsham, Messrs. Conley W. and Lewis Worsham, of Philadelphia, Pa.; two aunts, Mrs. Alice W. and Louise Rivers and Mrs. Worsham, all of Philadelphia, Pa.; other relatives and friends. The pallbearers were: Honorary—Prof. F. L. Clarke, President John M. Gand, Clarke, M. D., William D. S., Prof. T. B. Bawley, George W. Thomas L. Puryear, Mother H. Foster, F. F. W. M. Brewer, Z. S. H.

MRS. SEABROOK

(From The Charlotte Observer)
The floral contributions were in profusion, costly and lovely, requiring a coach and their transportation to church where they appeared as a florist's garden, and to the little Church of the Holy Spirit cemetery, where in the family square all that was mortal of Mrs. Mayme Louise Worsham-Seabrook were tenderly and reverently committed to the loving embrace of Mother Earth under the soft, sweet rains of "I Lay Me Down to Sleep" rendered by the quartet. Undertaker James W. Wilker was in charge of the funeral. Among out-of-town relatives and friends were the following: Messrs. John Will and Lewis Worsham and Mrs. Louise Rivard of Pa.; Prof. W. M. Brewster of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Z. S. Hargrave, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Parham and Prof. Frank L. Atkins, of North Carolina; and Mesdames Coleman and Green of Virginia.

LINCOLN UNIVERSITY DEFEATS OXFORD TEAM

(Columbian Press Bureau)
Baltimore, Jan. 1.—In the first international interracial debate ever held in this country, a team from Lincoln University, Pennsylvania's famous colored institution, won the decision over three picked debaters from Oxford, England's oldest university. By a vote of 803 to 376, a mixed audience decided that the Oxford team had failed to establish the negative of the subject: "Resolved, That This House Opposes any Change in the Eighteenth Amendment." The debate was held in Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church.

Debating from Oxford were Gyles Isham, former editor of "The Isis," an Oxford publication and former President of the Oxford Dramatic Society; Patrick Monkhouse, former editor of Oxford Poetry and Oxford Outlook; and Michael A. E. Franklin, winner of the British Empire's Shakespearean Association Prize for 1925. Lincoln was represented by Richard Hurst Hill, Mark Gibson, of Oklahoma, and Esdras Turner, of Arkansas.

MEETING OF NORTH CAROLINA ATHLETIC CONFERENCE

The fifteenth annual session of the North Carolina Athletic Conference will hold its sessions in Avery Auditorium, N. C. College for Negroes, Durham, N. C., Saturday, January 8th, 1927. The first session will open at 9:30 Saturday morning. President R. L. Douglass is asking that, as far as possible, delegates leave home early Saturday morning so as to not make it necessary for the institution that is our host, to be put to any inconvenience in an effort to care for us over night, since its lodging accommodations are at present limited.

The members of the Executive Committee and the Special Committee on Conference Grouping are asked to meet Friday evening, January 7th at 7:00 o'clock, and any others who have special business with either of these committees.

All member institutions are asked to make a special effort to be represented by delegates because of the importance of this meeting. Any school playing any of the sports fostered by our organization is cordially invited to meet with us and study our working at first hand with a view to becoming a member. Especially is this invitation urged upon High School Principals.—The Athletic Item for December.

MEMORABILIA OF EVENTS OF PAST YEAR

Bishop Rondthaler, of the Southern Moravian Church, Reviews Occurrences at Home and Abroad During the Year.

(From The Charlotte Observer)
Winston-Salem, Jan. 1.—The one hundred seventy-second annual Watch Night service was held at the Old Home Moravian church last night, in celebration of the passing of the old year and the birth of a new one. The venerable Bishop Edward Rondthaler, who is now 84 years young, presided and conducted his fiftieth service.

The first one was held at 8 o'clock when the always interesting Memorabilia prepared by the bishop, was read by him. It gave an interesting review of occurrences at home and abroad during the year 1926—also a brief record of the Moravian Church's growth and development throughout the Southern province.

At 11:30 o'clock the final or farewell service began when an appropriate program was rendered, including singing by the congregation, a brief address by Bishop Rondthaler, prayer, etc. As the old church clock began striking the midnight hour, the trumpeters in the church tower welcomed the New Year.

The 1926 Memorabilia. Below is appended Bishop Rondthaler's review of current events, abroad in the South, State and city.

"The original Moravian lost his native country for the sake of Jesus Christ and so it came to pass that he reached many other lands and made himself at home in them. Often he was called by Christian duty to a land like Greenland or to the tropical islands or to the Indian forests of America and even to minister unto the leper in Asia as being the most outcast of all people. Thus by the force of circumstances the Moravian Church grew to be international. If you visit our venerable Salem graveyard you at once see this feature illustrated by the grave stones in the very first row of the buried brethren. The first stone is that of an Englishman, the second is that of a Dane, the third is that of a South European, the fourth that of a Saxon, the fifth that of a South Carolinian, and the sixth that of an Alpine mountaineer. Thus the Moravian interested himself in many lands the world over. How fully he did this we note from the fact that in the diary of one of our small congregations hidden in the western wilds of North Carolina a fuller account has been found of the Mecklenburg movement for independence than in any other church record of North Carolina. This cosmopolitan feature still clings to our yearly accounts or Memorabilia as they are called, of which the present is the one hundred and seventy second in number. We, therefore, at once, in Moravian fashion begin with our brief world account and try to see how the earth looked in the year of our Lord 1926 and how it has looked from the Moravian point of view which always centers around Jesus Christ.

Asia
"We begin with Asia. Its present condition can be expressed in one word—Unrest. There is an uneasy movement from mysterious Japan extending all the way to unruly Egypt, which is historically a part of Asia. The agitation passes over China, hotbed of civil wars at the present time, over the broad plains of India, across the shifting sands of Mesopotamia; it is keenly felt in the village capital of new Turkey, Angora; it is fiercely manifested in the mosques of Cairo. Sometimes the movement is identified with religion, sometimes not. Its basis is the feeling, 'We are Asiatics; we want to stand on our own feet and we want our continent to be really our own.' This univer-

sal feeling of unrest while troublesome to the politicians of Europe is not necessarily hostile to the Christian religion because revolution often opens the way for the further spread of what is the only salvation for Asia, and for any other continent—the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Africa
"The 'Dark Continent' may in its present state be likewise described in a single word—Need. An African woman was listening for the first time at the preaching of the gospel in her own tongue. As the missionary proceeded with his blessed gospel story, the woman whispered to one beside her: 'I always felt that there must be somewhere a God who loved us and now I know it; I only wish that my father had lived to hear the news.' It was a woman's voice, the sex that most feels the degradation of African life—it was a woman's voice that uttered this sentiment of Africa's greatest present need.

"The churches of Christ are hastening to meet the inner want of the poor and oppressed Africans and our own Moravian Church with its limited means has again undertaken its blessed work in darkest Africa, half ruined by the World War.

Europe
"A single clause will truly state the case of Europe at the present time. It is this: Europe is passing through a slow state of recovery, marked by the shedding circumstances of all recovery from dreadful disease. These circumstances are improvement in the health of the patient with occasional days of backsets. The new spirit of diligence in war-ruined countries like France and Germany is happily abroad and is producing very fine results; there is more of a desire for peace between mortal enemies than has ever existed for hundreds of years; commerce and manufacture are constantly gaining ground. Even the Balkan States and the little Slavic countries extending far to the North, as far as Poland, are no longer gleaming with the fires of war, but are like fires smoldering away to harmless ashes. But there are from time to time most distressing backsets. There is a vast amount of unemployment; the middle class in several of the chief countries of Europe has been almost ruined. Even in strong and favored England this middle class, which is the cement of human society, is bending almost to the breaking point under excessive burdens.

"In Latin Europe, by which we mean Italy and Spain, representative government, upon which democracy prides itself, has almost failed and is ridden over roughshod by ancient ideas of dictatorships, under Mussolini in Italy and Rivera in Spain; while in France and Germany and even to some extent in steadfast England, parliaments are riven into many contending blocs which threaten to disturb all safe business progress.

South America
"Again a single word will characterize the present condi-

tion of this great and progressive continent. That word is Day-Dawn.

"South America and North America are entering into ever closer and more productive business union. Feelings are growing more friendly between these two Americas, North and South, because the United States does not covet a single inch of South American territory. The best news we have heard recently concerning our great Southern neighbor is that the Methodists alone have already one hundred thousand Protestant Sunday school children in the valley of the Amazon. The competition of Protestantism is necessary for the best welfare of Catholicism, and with the progress of the Protestant faith, improvement in religion can keep pace with other great improvements in South American work and life.

North America
"Thus we come to our own favored land, our dear America. In a single paragraph of his Thanksgiving Proclamation, our President has set forth the truth with regard to our present conditions: 'As a nation and as individuals we have passed another twelve months in the favor of the Almighty. He has smiled upon our fields and they have brought forth plentifully. Business has prospered. Industries have flourished and labor has been well employed. While sections of our country have been visited by disaster, we have been spared any great national calamity or pestilential visitation. We are blessed amongst the nations of the earth. Our moral and spiritual life has kept pace with our material prosperity.'

"Whether this last clause fits into the conviction of every American to the effect that we are just as much better off in moral and spiritual respects as we are in material prosperity, we are greatly in doubt; but at the same time we may humbly say and truthfully say that God has a good work which in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ is being lived and done at the present time in our dear native land.

"Secretary Hoover, than whom there is no man in the United States better fitted to give a keen and comprehensive and truthful account of the material conditions prevailing in our country during 1926, has made a searching analysis of business prospects and has come to the conclusion that so far as indications go the prospects for 1927 are good and that with care and prudence the New Year, to use his own phrase, 'will be all right.' To these conclusions of our President and of our Secretary we have but little to add. True it is that there are some clouds in our material sky. The cotton situation in the South with a vast crop of eighteen and a half million bales; the farmer situation in the West, the textile industry; the startling amount of purchase on the installment plan and some other clouds may be taken an occasional spell of bad weather, but taking the American sky as a whole, there is a gleam of God's good prosperity shining over all our nation.

North Carolina
"Our old North State has come into the limelight of American conservation. Newspapers and magazines are full of the praises of the progress of a State that was long backward among the forty-eight commonwealths. In North Carolina we are running some risk of the fulfillment of a saying of our blessed Lord, 'Woe unto you if all men speak well of you.'

"For one thing we are honestly governed. A close and careful map of all the States of the Union was made some years ago in various colors, in black or half black or white, according to the presence or graft or the absence of it in our several States. If we remember right there were

SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE, ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

By N. Adrene Holston

Rev. A. S. Long, preached a very forcible and touching sermon Sunday morning, December 19, at St. Mark's Presbyterian church. His text was St. Luke 2:10, and his subject was, "The Great Birthday of Christ." In the discourse the speaker stated that great days are set apart for our National Holidays in the development of our nation in memory of our great heroes. To day we are to commemorate "the birth of the greatest international figure in human history." Such phrases as above stated by Rev. Long held his audience spell-bound during the entire sermon, making a deep impression upon his hearers.

Wednesday evening, December 22, in the school chapel, the Female Choral Society of Swift presented a Christmas cantata, entitled, "The Angel and the Star." Miss L. B. Sullivan, supervisor of the Music Department, directed the play. So well and so masterfully did the Society present this cantata that it was agreed by all that the Choral Society, under the supervision of Miss Sullivan, was not only an asset to the institution, but also to the race.

On Thursday morning the majority of the students departed for their various homes to spend the Christmas holidays.

At 8:30 A. M. Dr. Hargrave conducted devotional services before leaving to spend the holidays.

We regret to say that the Senior Elder of St. Mark's church, Mr. W. C. Watterson, was bitten by a rabid dog Thursday. His condition is not considered serious, as first aid was rendered him immediately.

Dr. Franklin, President-Emeritus, and Mrs. Franklin were the guests of Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Tucker at a Christmas dinner December 26. The visitors, faculty and students were seated around tables heavily laden with turkey and delicacies of the season.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ANNISTON, ALA.

By J. W. Grier, Reporter.

The Calvary Presbyterian church held its Christmas service, Sunday, December 26, at 11 o'clock. The sermon was preached by the pastor. His text was Numbers 24:17, "I shall see him but not now; I shall behold him but not high; There shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel." These words were spoken by the prophet Balaam more than 1500 years before the coming of Christ. This sermon was very forcible and striking. Our assemblage was somewhat smaller than usual, due to the absence of many who were spending the Christmas holidays out of the city.

The pastor called for a meeting Wednesday of this week of members and friends of the community. The meeting is to afford an opportunity for all to check up on their lives of the past and mend their steps in the future.

The students of Barber College were greatly missed this Sunday, but we trust that those who went home for the holidays enjoyed themselves in their respective communities.

The friends of the community were invited to attend the monthly musical program rendered at Barber College by a chorus of fifty voices. These programs are always interesting and inspiring as well as showing latent talent of our people. Visitors are always well paid for going to hear these programs.

The church also missed the presence of Mrs. Ethel Shaw,

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