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

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ANNIVERSARY SERVICES AND REPORT OF CHURCH ACTIVITIES ON JOHNS ISLAND, S. C.

It was an enjoyable gathering of Presbyterians of Bethel, Hebron and Zion churches and friends of other denominations, which crowded the auditorium of Zion church Sunday at high noon, July the 24th. The occasion was the celebration of the pastor's fifth anniversary and the making of reports covering the five years work and accomplishments.

Rev. and Mrs. S. H. Scott, who, after eight years of progressive and agreeable work in the town of Orangeburg, S. C., accepted this field which includes the three above churches.

The anniversary services began at noon. After the preliminaries were over the pastor announced his regret and disappointment at the absence of Rev. T. A. Robinson, of Bamberg, S. C., whom he had secured about three weeks previous to the convention to preach the anniversary sermon. The Sabbath school convention was to be concluded on the same Sunday of the anniversary and whereas there were no ministers

service of our beloved pastor and wife. Being guided by these two faithful servants of God and assisted by a faithful few, Bethel has made wonderful strides in every respect. Five years ago Bethel had 58 members. By zealous and fervent prayers on the part of the pastor and the faithful few of the membership was increased to 72. There has been an addition of fourteen by confession of faith, letter and restoration inclusive. We have lost by death and migration-16. There has been no net gain. The present enrollment is 56. The minister baptized 10 infants and 10 adults, total, 20; ordained 4 deacons and 2 elders; performed 6 marriages and conducted 15 funeral services. Bought a pulpit carpet and suit costing \$81; built and beautified the choir stand and furnished the same with chairs at a cost of \$60; weather boarded the building with free labor, the weather boarding costing \$85; painting inside and outside with free labor. The paint cost \$125; contributed to the Boards \$140. This concludes the report



REV. S. H. SCOTT

remaining over to preach for Brother Miller, the pastor of Salem Presbyterian church, Rev. Scott was asked to relieve Rev. Robinson of the obligation. The request was reluctantly granted. This made it necessary for Rev. Scott to preach his own anniversary sermon. He said, "It must be done, and it must be done by me." He announced his text as John 12:32, "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me." In his introduction he declared that as the sun affects, attracts and influences the heavenly bodies of which it is the center, so does Christ, the Son of God, affect, attract and influence the human bodies of which He is the center. He also said that there were hundreds of souls drawn to Christ while He was being lifted up on the old rugged cross, and thousands whose hearts melted in tears as they gazed upon their dying Lord, then, and even now.

He further said, as co-workers with Christ, it becomes our supreme duty and greatest obligation to assist Christ in his effort to draw the world to Himself. Neither time nor space will allow us to repeat the whole discourse. We will say it was inspiring as well as instructive. After the sermon reports of the churches were read. Bethel's report was read by Miss Luvilla Green, a student of Haines Institute; Zion's by Miss Sadie Ancrum, a prospective student of Scotia Woman's College, and Hebron's by Mr. Reuben Bishop, Clerk of Session.

Bethel's Report.

Dear Pastor, Members and Friends: I beg to submit the following report covering the work done in and around Bethel church during the five years of

of Bethel. We hope to do more and better work during the next five years. We trust that every member will pledge his loyalty to the flag.

Luvilla Green, Reporter.
Caesar Geddes, Clerk.

Zion's Report

Dear Pastor, Members and Friends: I beg to submit the following report which covers the work done in Zion church during the past five years of our pastor's administration. When our pastor accepted this work five years ago the membership was 68. This work had gone down numerically, but by God's help and the faithful service of our pastor and his co-workers we were able to build up the membership to 111, as well as make improvements along other lines. Forty-three members have been added to the roll—34 by confession of faith, 7 by letter and 2 by restoration. We have lost by death and migration together 20 members. Net gain, 23. The present enrollment is 91. The pastor has baptized 11 infants and 9 adults; total, 20. Ordained 4 deacons and 1 elder; married 7 couples and conducted 15 funeral services. The church has contributed to the Boards \$250. The church has been weather-boarded with free labor. Painted building in and outside, including labor at a cost of \$167. Improved choir stand, bought a pulpit suit, carpet for pulpit and rugs for half way and purchased 5 dozen chairs for about \$175. This ends our report for Zion. We hope that everybody will endeavor to do nothing less than his part of the great job during the next five years, so that greater work will be accomplished and more souls will be

saved for God and His glory. We ask your prayers.
Sadie Ancrum, Reporter.
Edward Washington, Clerk.

Hebron's Report.

Beloved Pastor, Members and Friends: Please allow me to make the following report of the work done in Hebron during the five years of our pastor's most diligent service:
The Rev. and Mrs. Simon Herbert Scott came to us this July, five years ago. Unfortunately they found the field at a low ebb and the tide was still going out, that is, the people were leaving our churches and going to other denominations. Even those who tried to hold on were wavering and their spirits were down and out. The field was, in a sense, vacant for more than two years. Our hopes of getting another suitable shepherd were all but gone. But man's extremity is God's opportunity. These two servants of God came, saw and conquered and are still conquering. During these years the membership has increased by 23; 20 by confession of faith and 8 by restoration. Lost by death and migration, 18; net gain, 5. The present enrollment is 85. The pastor has baptized 10 infants and 10 adults. Ordained 3 elders and 2 deacons. Married 4 couples, conducted 10 funeral services and the church has contributed to the Boards \$210. Improved the choir stand and purchased an organ for \$310. Bought lamps and rugs for the pulpit, costing \$100. Painted the inside for \$65 besides other improvements. This concludes the report for the field. Members of Hebron, let us strive to do more and better work during the next five years. Let us pray that the Lord will bless our pastor and his good wife with health and long life and when he dies may he die on the field.

Reuben Bishop,
Clerk of Session.

GOLDEN RULE IN RACE PROBLEMS.

(From the Macon Telegraph)

Through the columns of the Literary Digest of July 23rd comes a report from Madison County, Tennessee, and Jackson is the county seat of this county, that the welfare work that is being done in this county includes the whole colored population as well as the white. The agricultural, financial, hygienic, and moral needs of the colored population are being carefully studied and the effort is to meet them with that intelligence and sympathy that are always essential to good solution.
It is reported, since this work has been under way by the interracial committee, no crimes have been committed in the county which would involve both races or tend to stir race prejudice. The "committee on court justice reports no cases of injustice coming before it, that no discrimination has been practiced before the courts because of race or color, that the colored people have a representative at the bar and asserts that he has been given absolute justice and fairness, and that justice is not withheld from him on account of his color."

This effort at race cooperation is quite practical and in an active way has been going on in Madison county for years and it is reported that the opposition and obstacles to the work which existed in the beginning have largely disappeared, and that nothing sensational has developed and that both races have been benefitted in a marked way.

Of course there are many communities where the same efforts are being rewarded with success and happily the better thought of both races is in line with what has met with conspicuous success in the city of Jackson and the county of Madison, Tenn.

FAIRFIELD SABBATH SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The 1927 session of the Sabbath School Convention of Fairfield Presbytery convened at Ebenezer Presbyterian church, Dalzell, S. C., Aug. 3, and continued through the 7th. This session was very largely attended. Thirty-five schools reported. The assessment collected from the schools amounted to \$168.32. Each session was begun with song service. Wednesday evening the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. R. Dungee, of Ridgeway, S. C., after which Miss Jessie Washington, of Ebenezer church, delivered the welcome address. Mrs. G. E. Murray, of Ladson, made the response.

The Christian Endeavor delegates were enrolled and the offering was taken, amounting to \$10. The assignments of the local committee were made, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. Ulmer, of Winnsboro.

On Thursday A. M. the Christian Endeavor program was taken up. The discussion of the various subjects by the delegates, was very interesting. Prayer and praise service was conducted by the delegate from Ladson. The President, Mr. J. A. Frierson, made his annual address. The whole program was successfully carried out and was indeed very interesting and inspiring.

On Thursday evening the annual sermon was preached by Rev. W. I. P. Roseboro, of Camden, S. C. The Sabbath school delegates were enrolled and assigned to different homes. The offering for the evening was \$3.50. Benediction by Rev. D. T. [Name obscured] pastor of [Name obscured] church, Columbia.

Friday A. M. the Convention held a very interesting meeting. After the reading of the minutes of the last meeting Rev. R. N. Cowan made a splendid talk on the subject, "How Can We Turn Many to Righteousness?" After the reports from the Sunday schools were made, Rev. R. E. Anderson of Sumter, preached. The Convention was then favored with two selections from the Nelson Quartet, sons of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Nelson, of Mayesville, which every one thought to be fine for such youngsters. And to show how much the convention appreciated their singing, and also to encourage them, a collection of \$4 was taken for them by Dr. G. W. Long. Dr. M. J. Jackson presented it to them. Dismissed by Rev. R. E. Foster.

On Friday P. M. a talk touching the Sunday school was made by Dr. Bragg Anthony.

The reports from the Sunday schools were completed. The Convention was dismissed by Rev. Bolden, pastor of the Baptist church, of Dalzell, S. C.

On Friday night the Convention had its popular meeting. The subject for discussion was "The Program of the Presbyterian Church." Dr. I. D. Davis, of Sumter, presided. This program was successfully carried out despite the fact that some were not there who were on it. Others were present to take their places. The offering for the night amounted to \$10. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. I. D. Davis.

Saturday A. M. after the song service and a Scripture lesson was read, the various committees were appointed: viz., Program, Catechism, Resolutions and Auditing, after which was the Catechism Contest. The banner was won by the delegate from Pleasant Ridge church, Lancaster. The different committees then made their reports.

The election and installation of officers was next in order as follows: Rev. M. J. Jackson, D. D., President, Dalzell; Vice-President, Miss Tena Frierson, Sumter; Recording Secretary, Mrs. G. E. Murray, Columbia; Corresponding Secretary, Miss

Lillian Frierson, Lancaster; Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Nelson, Mayesville.

A short program was rendered on Sunday evening by some of the delegates; Mrs. G. E. Murray and Mr. Frink also took a part. The whole session of the Convention was full of interest.

We are sending four delegates to the School of Methods in Augusta, Ga. How many are you sending from your Convention? On to Augusta, Monday morning, August 15, 1927, is the slogan of the Fairfield Sunday School Convention.

LILLIAN FRIERSON,
Cor. Sec.

ANNUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION OF CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERY, DISTRICT NO. 2.

The 29th annual session of the Sunday School Convention of District No. 2, Cape Fear Presbytery convened with Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian church, Rocky Mount, N. C., Thursday evening, August 4th, 1927, with all officers present, Mr. H. L. Fuller, presiding.

The President in his annual address outlined his work among the people during the year and the rapid strides of progress that are being made. This message from the President gave the Convention much encouragement to go on and look forward to doing a greater work in the future.

Friday morning the meeting was opened and conducted according to the program at which time Dr. J. A. Savage, of Franklinton, and Dr. C. Dillard, of Goldsboro, were present. These able men made very interesting talks. Dr. Dillard traced the history of Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian church to the present time.

By vote of the Convention the Friday afternoon session was moved to Saturday and the delegates were taken to Tarboro to a joint Sunday school picnic. The outing was enjoyed by all.

Saturday morning the statistical reports of the Sunday schools in the district were made, after which the convention gave way to the D. V. B. S. conducted by Miss Susie M. Peacock, assisted by Miss Geneva Lee, Mrs. Nora Bailey and Miss Naomi Freeman. After these demonstrations Mrs. S. C. Baskerville presented a drama which was a creditable display of the work that is being done by the D. V. B. S. of Mt. Pisgah church. Miss Christianna Harper gave a very impressive outline of the Presbyterian Program for Girls, after which Rev. A. H. George gave and clearly explained the outline of the Presbyterian Program for Boys. These programs when properly carried out lay the foundation of success for our Sunday school and church.

After the reports of various committees the officers were re-elected by a unanimous vote of the Convention.

Sunday morning a Model Sunday school was conducted by the President, Mr. H. L. Fuller, assisted by members of the Convention. At eleven A. M. Rev. M. S. Branch, of Goldsboro, delivered the annual sermon. His subject was, "Selecting or Choosing the Right Things." Rev. Branch is a wonderful speaker and an asset to our church.

Sunday evening the Convention reassembled for a popular meeting arranged by the local committee at which time a very interesting program was rendered with excellent selections by the Goldsboro Quartette, accompanied by Mr. Robert Hatcher. After the report of the committee on resolutions the convention adjourned to meet again in August, 1928, at Wilmington.

H. L. FULLER, President.
R. D. MOORE, Secretary.
REV. A. H. GEORGE, Treas.

Resolutions

To the Second District Convention in session at Mt. Pisgah

Presbyterian church, Rocky Mount, N. C.

We the committee on resolutions beg to submit the following:

Whereas, the people of this congregation and of the city of Rocky Mount have been so generous in their reception of us, in that they have graciously thrown open their doors and have made us welcome to go and come at will; and not only this, but they have spared no pains in caring for our material wants; and

Whereas, they provided us an outing in the form of a union picnic, which was both enjoyable and refreshing; and

Whereas, they have encouraged and inspired us by their hearty endorsement and cooperation of our popular meetings, as was evinced by the splendid audiences; and

Whereas, they have left no stone unturned in their effort to entertain us in that they provided for the essential phases of life; that is, the physical, moral, recreational and religious—all of which proves them to be a wide awake people; and

Whereas, we as individuals and as a body, have been the recipients of their hospitality in the various ways mentioned, be it resolved,—

1st. That this body, the Second District Sunday School Convention of Cape Fear Presbytery, extend a vote of thanks to the Mount Pisgah Presbyterian church, and to the people of Rocky Mount for their untiring zeal and their broadness of heart in satisfying our needs and wants.

2nd. Be it resolved that we thank them for the outing which gave us a lovely view of a good part of Edgecombe county and its great crops.

3rd. Be it resolved that we thank them for the splendid popular meetings and the benefits derived therefrom.

4th. Be it finally resolved that a copy of these resolutions be kept in the minutes of this Convention, and that a copy be sent to our church paper, the Africo-American Presbyterian.

Respectfully submitted by the Committee on Resolutions.

MISS GENEVA LEE,
MASTER BOSTICK,
MISS THERESA A. COLLINS,
Chairman.

LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RIDGEWAY, S. C.

Mrs. Irene Green, daughter of Rev. and Mr. I. F. Miller, has gone to Greenburg, Pa., where she expects to make her home. Enroute to Greenburg she stopped at Coatesville, Pa., to visit her brothers, Messrs. Isaac P. Miller and Potter McKinley Miller. In Coatesville a delightful party was given in honor of Mrs. Green and her children; after which they continued their journey to Greenburg by automobile.

The clubs of Lebanon church have been very active during the past week. Clubs 1, 3 and 4 gave entertainments which advanced considerably their standing in the club race. On Sunday, August 14, the pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church, Dr. W. D. V. King, with his choir and congregation, was present with us under the auspices of Club No. 12. Mrs. Willard Williams, captain. The service was most inspiring, and a large sum was realized on the rally quota of Club No. 12.

Mrs. Mary Jones suffered a paralytic stroke on Tuesday, Aug. 9, and is now in a critical condition.

Misses Mary and Amanda James left with the pastor, Rev. J. R. Dungee, on Monday, August 15, to attend the School of Methods at Haines Institute, Augusta, Ga.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

The angel of death is the invisible angel of life.—Henry Mills Alden.