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### SOME WORKERS' CONFERENCE ADDRESSES

The subjects for discussion at the Workers' Conference this year were unusually well chosen, and each speaker showed a fine comprehension of the subject assigned. With this number we shall have published four of these addresses. The first by Mrs. J. D. Martin on "The School Dining Room a Vital Agency in Character Formation," was regarded with so much favor that there was a special request for its early publication. The second address on "Contrasting Methods of Discipline," by Rev. S. Q. Mitchell, dealt in a very thorough and sensible way with a perplexing question. Dr. W. L. Metz spoke thoughtfully on "The Church and the Community." This week's address by the Rev. H. Wilson is a clear and concise treatment of the matter of the local church's finances, one of the hardest church problems. Others will follow in due time. All of these addresses are worthy of careful reading and study.

### THE N. Y. WORLD PASSES OFF STAGE

The New York World, founded by the late Joseph Pulitzer in 1883, and left in the hands of three of his sons, has been sold to the Scripps-Howard Newspaper Syndicate. The reason given for selling was that the paper was not now a paying proposition and that the Pulitzer heirs have lost large sums of money during the last two years. The World has thus gone the way of other great New York papers. The Tribune, The Herald and The Sun were obliged to enter combinations in order to stem the tide.

To us the passing of The World brings deep regret—almost sorrow. It was noted for its espousal of deserving causes and for doing big things in a big way. It was a great newspaper. Negroes can not forget the service rendered in exposing conditions of peonage in the South and its helpfulness in other instances. At the time The World was established Mr. Pulitzer set forth the major purposes of the paper as follows:

"An institution that should always fight for progress and reform, never tolerate injustice or corruption, always fight demagogues of all parties, never belong to any party, always oppose privileged classes and public plunderers, never lack sympathy with the poor, always remain devoted to the public welfare, never be satisfied with merely printing news, always drastically independent, never be afraid to attack wrong, whether by predatory plutocracy or predatory poverty."

The principles so admirably stated, were nobly adhered to. The country will miss The World.

### PROHIBITION A VITAL MORAL ISSUE

832 Witherspoon Building,  
Philadelphia, Pa.,  
March 9, 1931.

My dear Fellow-worker:

The Department of Moral Welfare of the Board of Christian Education takes a genuine pleasure in sending to you a copy of the report of the Wickersham Committee. This document provides first hand information on the whole question of prohibition enforcement and can be of real value to you in your work.

Prohibition is now the vital moral issue before our country. The enemies are now making the best organized and most vigorous effort yet put forth to destroy it. They will spare no expense, miss no opportunities, nor neglect any plan which will do damage. There are ominous sounds of a great offensive and all clear minded men sense the dangers that are imminent. This is a distinct challenge to all of the forces of righteousness and ought not to be disregarded. It is exceedingly important that the church be neither silent nor inactive.

Can we not by united effort make the Spring Meeting of every Presbytery a great dynamic for righteousness and sound a note that will bring new courage into our own hearts and stimulate the entire country to more earnest and effective activity? We ought to sound a note of joy because of the fact that the Wickersham Committee has made three great affirmations:

"The Eighteenth Amendment must not be repealed."

"There must be no wine and beer."

"There must be continued and increasing strict enforcement."

President Hoover, in the face of the most arduous opposition, and under the most appalling pressure, has stood like a stone wall for the strict enforcement of the law.

We must reaffirm the faith of our church in the righteousness of this cause and in the ultimate triumph of sobriety. We ought to set apart a special hour devoted to this cause, or secure some apostolic champion of temperance, or arrange for a popular meeting open to the public. Further, we should encourage business and professional men who have sensed their responsibility and caught a vision of their opportunity to promote locally a great Men's Prohibition Mass Meeting. Let us adapt the meeting to the local situation and let us do something vivid, vital and courageous that shall make an impact upon the public mind and conscience. Newspaper publicity can be obtained and the support of every responsible civic organization secured. Unswerving allegiance to the cause of sobriety and law enforcement is the one solution to the present crisis.

Sincerely yours,  
J. A. STEVENSON,  
General Director.

MARGARET BARBER SEMINAR, ANNISTON, ALA.

Rev. H. M. Hosack, President

January 26, 1931, six girls engaged in a Silver Medal Contest, given in the Chapel. All of the girls did excellent work. Their declamations were all based on Law Enforcement. These speeches were especially beneficial to the many young men of Anniston, who were present, as well as to others. Clara Belle Reason, of Cartersville, Ga., was the winner of this medal. The remaining five girls gave a similar program at the Seventeenth Street Baptist church, on February 3, which was as effective as the first. This time the medal was awarded to Vesta Stephens, whose father is Principal of the West Anniston Institute, a Lutheran Church school. Monday night, March 9, the last Silver Medal Contest for this year was given here in our Chapel. The girls showed much skill on this occasion. Geneva Hanserd, one of our Anniston girls, was the medal winner. Five girls have now won silver medals and they will engage in a Gold Medal Contest before the close of the school year.

February 9, a Valentine Party was given by the Senior III class. The halls were beautifully and artistically adorned with hearts and other decorations suitable for the occasion. Candy and ice cream were sold by the Senior II girls. A short program was given by some of the friends from Anniston supplemented by numbers from the student body. It was an enjoyable evening for all.

Rev. Mr. Hosack, accompanied by Mrs. Hosack, Miss Verner, Miss Federkiewich and Miss Moke, made a short visit to the Berry school, near Rome, Ga. Only mountain boys and girls are privileged to attend this school. The new buildings for the girls' high school, recently erected by Henry Ford, are most beautiful in every respect.

February 3, the Barber volleyball team went to Rev. A. W. Rice's school to play a game with the girls of that school. Participants on both sides played extremely well. All waited breathlessly for the deciding game. The girls of South Highland won the game and were congratulated by our girls for having played so well.

Saturday evening, February 21, all of the girls were engaged in a Spelling Bee. The division was made by literary clubs. President Hosack called out the words. Dorothy Turner had the honor of standing up the longest.

Every year a week of revival is held in our school. The meetings this year were conducted by the Rev. Mr. A. H. George, of Knoxville, Tennessee. Rev. Mr. T. B. Hargrave, the brother of Claudia Hargrave, a graduate of Barber, assisted Rev. George one evening. Rev. Hargrave carried on similar meetings for Rev. Rice. We will long remember the helpful talks given in our Chapel services and the sermons delivered by both of these ministers. The meetings were a help and an inspiration to us all.

### KNOXVILLE LETTER

By The Scribe

The economic depression has had a telling effect not only in the matter of finances in the Shiloh Presbyterian church, but also in attendance. Many people do not like to attend the service unless they are able to contribute toward the expenses of the same. In spite of these hindrances the church is more than holding its own, and there is every reason for encouragement. New members are being added. Every department of the church is working with increasing zeal and energy to the end that there may be a well rounded report for Presbytery. Those who have steady employment are increasing their donations to help catch up the slack. All indications point to a healthy year.

In the elimination Stewardship Oratorical Contest held February 23rd Mr. Ernest Long, a Junior High School student, was the winner. The contest was under the supervision of Mrs. J. S. Dailey. As a means of preparing the contestants she taught a course in Stewardship. About 15 young men took the course.

More than 40 young people of the Shiloh church attended the League meeting at the East Avenue church on Sunday, February 22. The Shiloh members who took part were Miss Mabel Kirksey, President of the League, Miss Mary Gillespie and Mr. James Alexander.

Young People's Week was fittingly celebrated in the activities of the church. On January 25 all services were "Youth Centered." The pastor spoke from the theme: "The Glory of the Trail." On the first Sunday night in February the newly organized junior quartette furnished the music for the closing week of youth centered activities. The message was delivered by Prof. Herman Daves, of Knoxville College.

On Sunday, February 8, Mr. George Stone, head of the church school, inaugurated a campaign to make every member of the church a member of the church school. On that morning the school met as us-

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### JESSE BINGA ARRESTED; CHARGED WITH EMBEZZLEMENT

Chicago, March 10. (By The Associated Negro Press.) Jesse Binga, former President of the defunct Binga State Bank, was arrested here Thursday, charged with embezzlement of some \$300,000 from the institution which he headed.

The probable arrest of Mr. Binga has been rumored ever since the close of the bank. Warrants were reported to have been gotten out for him on various charges. Reports that he could not be found and that he was in a local hospital were circulated along with the story that he had transferred all of his "earthly belongings" to his wife, who, according to reports, was rich in her own right.

Thursday, however, rumors of arrest became a fact when Deputy Sheriffs Rallihan and Feeny laid in wait for the banker at his home, 5922 Parkway, and took him into custody. He was rushed to the Cook County jail and bond was set at \$55,000.

Along with Mr. Binga, four of his former employees were taken into custody and charged with embezzlement. They were: Miss Inez Canty, Secretary to Mr. Binga, who, according to members of the Board of Directors, passed on loans in Mr. Binga's absence; Harry Scott, chauffeur and "right hand man of Mr. Binga." Thomas R. Webb, a director and former auditor of the Pullman Porters Benevolent Association, and DeWitt Curtiss, who was vault custodian and floor walker when the bank was in operation. Binga is said to have had the four employees indicted with him sign notes when they had no financial responsibility. The money secured on the notes Mr. Binga would use to put through his numerous real estate transactions. The employees are accused of conspiracy.

So much of the institution's money became tied up in these operations together with other frozen assets, that it was forced to close. When the bank suspended it had deposits of \$1,280,000. It was organized as a State bank in 1920.

Since the closing of the Binga State Bank, which caused a financial crisis on the Southside of Chicago, several reports have been circulated that the institution would be reopened, but as yet they have not materialized. The latest was circulated during the pre-primary days but depositors had been fooled so often that they considered this as a political gesture.

Mr. Binga, according to friends, has been ill in the hospital for months. His arrest was effected when the officers waited at his house for the doctor to come who was attending him. The doctor, says the story, arrived, rang the door-bell and was admitted, and along with the physician, went the officers, and the banker, oft-times declared to be Chicago's richest Negro, was placed under arrest and when he could not make the \$10,000 bail on one of the embezzlement charges, was held in the jail hospital overnight.

### YADKIN PRESBYTERIAL

The Yadkin Presbyterial will be in session at Allen's Temple, Cleveland, N. C., April 2 and 3. All persons wishing to attend will please notify Mrs. J. A. Parks, Box 653, Cleveland, so that they may provide for your comfort.

The Presbyterial has also been asked to have its Popular Program on Friday night, April 3. So Thursday night, April 2, will be given over to the Young People of the Presbyterial.

Friday night will be Ladies' Night. We are also expecting Miss Barr to be with us. She is representing both Boards and I am sure will bring us messages that will be helpful to us.

We are hoping, despite the depression, to have our meeting on the same high standard that they have been heretofore. We hope to have as many churches and societies represented as possible. Come and help us carry on this work.

E. B. MEARES.

### SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE NEWS ITEMS

"Rosenwald Day" was observed at Swift on Friday, March 6th. A special program which was provided for the occasion included the reading of interesting and instructive papers on the great contribution which Mr. Julius Rosenwald is making to the improvement of facilities for Negro education in the South. Dr. C. E. Tucker extensively reviewed the magnitude and importance of the Rosenwald benefactions and closed his remarks with a fitting tribute to the great philanthropist whose unaffected altruism has made him one of the greatest benefactors of the Negro race.

The Richardson Dramatic Club staged an excellent five act drama entitled "Attorney for the Defense" on Friday night. The play portrayed a complicated inter-family vendetta in which plots and counter plots incited by hate, by fear and the desire for revenge led to a series of criminal court proceedings that caused the heads of the families concerned to taste the bitterness of revenge. The moral of the play may be summed up in this striking Scriptural injunction, "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap." A comical sub-plot relieved the tension caused by the interplay of retaliative wits in the main plot. All players acted their parts well, and the large audience in attendance was liberal in its plaudits. The members of the club who took part in the presentation of this drama are: Misses Edna Sullivan, Jacquetta Sensabaugh, Pauline Cain, Althea Swaggerty, and Messrs. William Hampton, Clarence Hampton, Clarence Westbrook, James Howard, William Ferguson, Cassius Plair, Misses Helen Bennett, Mattie Howell, and Mary K. Armstrong rendered musical items.

The Camp Fire Girls, under the fine leadership of Miss Murphy, of the Religious Education Department, are doing splendid work in helping to foster correct attitudes among other girls of the institution. The influence of their high example of devotion to duty, perseverance, and unquestioning obedience is manifesting itself in the conduct of their associates.

Several members of the faculty acted important roles on the program presented by the Christian Endeavor Society on Sunday, March 1. The topic discussed was: "What Jesus Teaches About God, Our Father."

### BRAINERD INSTITUTE NEWS

The usual religious activities were observed at Brainerd Institute, on Sunday, March 8th. The Sunday school at 8:45 A. M., the Christian Endeavor Society at the accustomed hour in the afternoon. The question discussed at length was: "What Is the Church?"

The Literary Club had its regular meeting Saturday night. The attendance was large and a very constructive program was carried out.

The Marion B. Wilkinson Federated Club of Chester, S. C., sponsored a reception in honor of Mrs. Daisy Bulkeley Taylor, of Orangeburg, S. C., at Brainerd Institute, Tuesday night, March 10th. While in the city Mrs. Taylor was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Martin and she also addressed the faculty and student body in the school chapel in a most excellent and instructive manner. Mrs. Taylor is travelling over the State and lecturing in the interest of the Fairwood School at Cayce, S. C., a school for unprotected colored girls and supported by the State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs of South Carolina.

The final basket ball game of the season will be played here on Friday, March 13, between the teams of Clinton College, Rock Hill, S. C., and Brainerd Institute. The Brainerd girls' basket ball team for this season has won the laurels in all games played, and it is expected that the final game will be another addition won.

The school was delighted to have for a few hours on the

8th inst., Miss Louise W. Martin, Miss Annie L. Chisholm and Miss Petticord, of Durham, N. C., representing the Hillside High School and Lincoln Hospital of that city. The latter addressed in a practical and timely way the student body assembled.

On the 7th inst. Brainerd Institute was represented by Dr. J. D. Martin and Prof. L. S. Brown in an Educational Conference of College Presidents, High School Principals, Deans, Registrars and Representatives of South Carolina State Department of Education. This Conference was largely attended by representatives named, and was at Benedict College, Columbia S. C.

MISS BERENICE ALLEN.

### MONROE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WIN STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

The girls of Winchester Avenue High School, who journeyed to Durham to engage in the State basket ball elimination tournament last week, overcame all opposition to bring home the laurels.

In the first game the Winchester Avenue team smothered Henderson High 25 to 0, with the substitutes playing a great part of the game. It was a fitting introduction to the large crowd.

In the second round Winchester girls met and defeated Johnson County Training School, one of the favorites to win in the tournament, by the rather lopsided score of 29 to 5. This game was characterized by the stellar work of Massey, Monroe's sensational forward, who scored 23 points.

In the semi-finals Monroe's girls met the team from Mary Potter Memorial School, overcoming an early lead to win 11 to 7, due largely to the spectacular guarding of Wallace and Horne.

The girls entered the finals in a jaded condition, due to their having already played two games the same day. However, after the lead had shifted a few times in the first half, the girls from Monroe, by exhibiting rare skill, team work and endurance, gradually forged ahead to win the final game of the tournament, 19 to 13.

Kate Massey with 50 points and Kate Thompson with 22 points led the individual scoring of the entire tournament, while the flashy pivoting and cool generalship of Redfern at center were the admiration of all. She obtained the tip-off more than three-fourths of the time, due largely to her agility. The floorwork and guarding of Wallace and Horne, Monroe's guards, grew more consistent as the games passed on. Wallace was especially brilliant in the semi-finals while Horne was equally spectacular in the finals. The success was due, however, more to superior team work than to anything else, and each one is to be commended. Let us cheer the new basket ball champions of colored high school girls in North Carolina.

Prof. J. W. Graham is coach and deserves much credit for the splendid work he has exhibited with the students of this school in the field of athletics.

The school is now preparing to enter contestants in the State-wide debate for this year.

On the 20th of March the Dramatic Club will journey to Salisbury where they will give a play at the J. C. Price High School.

J. N. BROWN, Principal.

### THE HAMPTON QUARTETTE

After singing to an appreciative audience at Davidson College Tuesday night the Hampton Institute Quartette came to Charlotte and were guests in the commodious home of Rev. and Mrs. C. P. Pitchford, 510 North McDowell St., until Wednesday afternoon. They left here for Catawba College, near Salisbury, where they had an engagement.

The personnel of the Quartette are Messrs. W. E. Creekmur, James A. Bailey, Jeremiah Thomas and John H. Wainwright. During the stay of the Quartette in Charlotte Messrs. Creekmur and Thomas visited Johnson C. Smith University and other places of interest.