

Death Enters Our Ranks

The sad news of the passing of Mrs. Cora Harris of Warrenton brought a wave of sorrow across the state. Our beloved co-worker and Executive Board member, for many years a teacher and leader in her community, lived a highly exemplary Christian life; and she will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Harris was interested not only in our state federation, but she was so deeply interested in the Southeastern Regional and in the National Association that she bore her own expenses to the conventions of these organizations in order to represent North Carolina. Mrs. Harris lifted high the banner of fine womanhood wherever she went.

Mrs. A. B. Byrd of Rocky Mount, and the State President represented the N. C. Federation at the funeral which was held at Warrenton, Monday afternoon, January 30, 1956.

Our club women throughout the Federation share the sorrow of Mrs. David D. Jones in the death of her husband Dr. Jones, retired President of Bennett College, Greensboro. In such time our most sincere words of sympathy fall short of their deepest meaning and we grope only to find our human expression inadequate. Then we recall the comforting words of our Master Who said: "Lo, I am with you always." and again He said, "I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you."

Preparations For Annual Convention

Early in January the President had the privilege of conducting the first executive board meeting of the Eastern District held in the new year. Here, at the home of the District President, Mrs. Thelma Henley, gathered women representing clubs from several areas in and around Fayetteville, the city where our annual convention will be held May 18, 19, 20. Each member of the Board reported the activities of the group she represented and also her part in promoting plans for entertaining the delegates to the convention.

These plans include arrangements for a spectacular parade with local bands, a procession of scouts, junior girls' club representatives. Car dealers in Fayetteville have promised splendid cars for use by officers and club leaders. Floats and other attractive arrangements have been planned. The executive board meeting on Saturday evening was followed on Sunday with the Third Annual Convention of this Eastern District Federation held at the Free Will Baptist Church. A busi-



MRS. PEACHIE C. JACKSON
of Charlottesville, Va.

The Southeastern Association

Affiliated as the North Carolina Federation is with the club women of the Southeastern Regional Association, any information concerning the leaders and their work in other states is both interesting and inspiring. In this issue, we present Mrs. Peachie C. Jackson, Virginia State president who led a group of forty-one delegates from Virginia to the biennial Convention at Asheville.

A Rendezvous With God

I have a rendezvous with God!
Upon His blessed day of rest,
To His loved house I go, and meet
With others on the Holy Quest;
Whose presence fills His holy place,
Our spiritual eyes behold
The radiance of our Father's face;
Then at the midweek hour of prayer
What strength flows down our need to me
As unto Him in prayer we turn,
United at the mercy seat!
How can I to my faith be true
If I keep not this rendezvous?

—Anon.

ness session preceded the inspirational service with the State President as guest speaker.

Among the visitors to the convention were Mrs. Edna B. Taylor and Mrs. Lillie B. Gibson, state organizers. Under the leadership of Mrs. Thelma Henley a remarkably successful meeting was very ably conducted.

Southeastern Association

The slogan of the Virginia Federation is: "A Federated Club in Every County".

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Virginia State Federation Song

MRS. C. W. FIELDS

*The call is urgent, sisters, one and all,
Go forward to the fray;
O cheer the faint, and rescue from a fall
Some soul each day.*

CHORUS

*In climbing, lift your neighbor too,
Along the rugged way;
With consecrated hearts renew
The strife each day.*

*Your homes, companions, brothers, one
and all,
May fall on life's dark way,
All through the darkness strive, and send
a call
To them each day.*

*The widow's tear, the orphan's weary cry,
O hear and give relief;
A brother's groan, a father's tearful sigh,
O stay their grief.*

*So up, be ready, earnest in your work,
Though strength be faint each day;
For round the throne we'll meet and give
report
In joy some day.*

*A starry crown, a palm of victors bright,
Will gloriously repay;
But more than all, to hear the Master's
words,
"Well done" some day.*

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We see a world in a grain of sand,
And a heaven in a wild flower;
Hold infinity in the palm of our hand,
And eternity in an hour.

—William Blake

The general diffusion of the Bible is the most effectual way to civilize and humanize mankind; to purify and exalt the general system of public morals; to give efficacy to the just precepts of international and municipal law; to enforce the observance of prudence, temperance, justice and fortitude; and to improve all the relations of social and domestic life.

—Chancellor Kent.