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SOLIDARITY FOR CHRIST.

During the unprecedentedly active political campaign just closed, the term *solid* has been frequently employed by the parties in relation to their respective candidates. Members of the different parties have employed it to denote their unity—in support of the candidates of their choice.

The term thus used involved all the details of thorough political organization, having for its object the success of the principles espoused, by placing the representatives of those principles in office. We have observed with much interest the workings of this solidity, or as some will have it, solidarity—and have more than once thought that if it were possible to induce Christians in their efforts to advance the cause of Christianity, to adopt some of the methods of political leaders, in their untiring efforts to secure victory, a great deal more good might be done.

We say *some* of the methods of political leaders for obvious reasons. To adopt any questional method of prosecuting evangelistic or educational work would be to defeat the very purposes of one's exertion.

But there are some methods employed by those leaders on which they set the highest value, which, if we could adopt in conducting our work for Christ would become real elements of strength.

A few of these may be mentioned with profit to our readers.

Organization is of essential value. It lies at the basis of all permanent success. A comparatively small force thoroughly organized in support of any cause is far more effection than a mob of thousands—and the larger the mob the greater the difficulty of success. Now, beyond all question this want of thorough organization is an element of weakness in some departments of our work and in some localities. We do not propose to enter into any details but simply to suggest that in our opinion our efforts in the South would be crowned with greatly enlarged success, provided there could be a more thorough organization. On some portions of our field the Presbyterial oversight is far from what it ought to be. The relation between Presbytery and churches fails of that vitality which is required to secure efficiency among these churches in prosecuting their work.

In some instances the Sabbath School cause is allowed to take care of itself.

Let there be a more complete organization and there will thereby be added an important element of strength to the cause in which we are enlisted.

Again, he who would do good among any people, must in a considerable degree adapt himself to the circumstances of those whom he undertakes to benefit. The marksman must look well to his gun, the range and other attendant circumstances if he would hit the mark. The husbandman must adapt his cultivation to the nature of the soil and the plant, and the climate—and searons if he would reap a rich harvest.

The skilfut leader of men fully recognizes this principle and governs himself accordingly. So should those who labor for Christ. While no great principle should be compromised, the winers of souls ought to adopt themselves to the intellectual and spiritual capacities, and the temporal surrounding of those whom they would elevate to a higher plain of life.

An unreserved community of thoought feeling and action is necessary in order to success. There must not only be a distribution of labor but the labor having been distributed must be performed. Each should feel that his utmost exertion is required in order that the desired end may be achieved.

If the Church would be solid for Christ it will not do for any officer or member to neglect any duty.

Great enterprises have been known to fail for share want of perseverance on the part of those who have embarked in them. But for this Hanibal and the brave Carthaginians would have entered the imperial city of Rome. Persevere to the end. This principle of action must characterize all faithful Christian endeavor. Paul would have the servants of God run with patience the the race set before them; that is to say, rendering his words more strictly, run with *perseverance*. No obstacle, whatever, should intimidate, nor should the Christian's hope yield to fear for a single moment, however hurculian the task before him.

Some one has said, "He who has God on his side, is in the majority"—and it should not be forgotten that the promise of salvation is to those who endure to the end.

Finally, as a Divine relationship and overshadowing all others, the cause of Christ and the salvation of man must hold the chief place in our affections if we would aid effectually in bringing victory to the standards of the cross. Any half-heartedness is insufficient, and will tell in the general result.

Then let there be thorough organization, perfect adaptation, community of effort, perseverance, and a hearty service as unto the Lord, and there will result such a combination of Christian elements of power as must produce the desired solidarity for Christ.

BRIEFS.

Now is the time to pay your subscription.

Read Synodical Missionary notes in another column.

Will the brethren collect what is due us among their churches and bring or send it to the meeting of Synod at Greensboro?

Our agent will be on hand at the meeting of Synod to receipt for subscriptions and receive new subscribers. He is an amiable gentleman and will be sure to smile at every one who pays what is due the AFRICO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

The educational interests among the colored people of North Carolina has sustained a serious loss by the death of Prof. Robt. Harris, who died at Fayetteville, N. C., on the 25th ult. Mr. Harris was a native of Fayetteville, but received his education in Ohio. For a number of years he had been engaged in teaching in his native town, and has been Principal of the State Normal School for colored people, located at that place, from its foundation. The bereaved family have our sincerest sympathy.

From reports there is likely to be considerable suffering in Kansas during the coming winter. An exchange says:

There seems to be no doubt that in certain parts of the State of Kansas there will be this winter a serious destitution of the necessities of life, growing out of the great drought. The cry for relief comes through many channels, and the Minister's Association of Philadelphia, having examined his credentials, has commended Mr. J. Heron Foster as a trustworthy agent. He may be addressed or seen at the store of David Scull, Jr., & Brother, 125 Market street, Philadelphia.

Rev. R. H. Allen, D. D., the recently appointed Corresponding Secretary of the Freedman's Committee of the Presbyterian church appears to be the right man in the right place, and is making good impressions on behalf of the cause which he represents wherever he goes. Referring to his address before the Synod of Pittsburgh at its late meeting. The *Banner* says:

During the first evening of its sessions the Synod listened to a stirring address from Rev. R. H. Allen, D. D., Secretary of the Assembly's Committee on Freedmen. A decided impression was made that the Committee has been very fortunate in the choice of a man to take up and prosecute this important work.

Rev. A. A. Scott, who is at present in charge of the Ebenezer Presbyterian church at Newberne, N. C., recently visited Wilmington seeking aid for a new church edifice which his congregation has been engaged in building, and which is rapidly approaching completion. This colored church is under the fostering care of Orange Presbytery, (southern) and consequently Mr. Scott confined his operations to members of that denomination while here. The reception accorded him by the pastors of the two churches and the editor of the *N. C. Presbyterian* and others was most cordial and he was surprisingly successful in securing substantial aid for the church. The cheerful manner in which the donations were made was very encouraging. Mr. Scott occupied the pulpit of the Chestnut street Presbyterian Church (northern) on the Sabbath and preached two excellent sermons.

The friends of negro education in connection with Shaw University, at Raleigh, are pushing forward the medical department of this institution. Referring to the medical domitory, the *African Expositor* says:

The brick work of this building has been nearly completed, and if the Fall should be pleasant, the rooms will be finished by December 1st, so that they will be ready for occupation by the winter term. It is very gratifying to see the walls of this finely proportioned building rising from day to day, and still more cheering that Northern friends have furnished the money from week to week, so that every bill and every workman has been promptly paid.

The great political contest of 1880 has ended in favor of the Republicans. From returns thus far made out Gen. Garfield has been elected by a very decided majority. Now that the struggle is ended and the Republicans are victorious, it becomes all good citizens to submit to the laws of the land and all should exert themselves for the promotion of the highest good of the whole country. Should this election result in an absolute anihilation of both a "solid South" and a "solid North," and in the establishment of a solid union enthroned in the hearts of all the people who will love liberty and accord it to their neighbors for the sake of it, that would be a glorious consummation.

THE WORK IN THE SOUTH.

For the Africo-American Presbyterian.

SYNODICAL MISSIONARY NOTES—TOURING IN NORTH AND SOUTH CAROLINA—EXPLORING NEW FIELDS.

DEAR BROTHER: As it has been some time since I have told your readers anything about my work, and whereabouts. A little sketch here may not be out of place.

DAVIDSON CLLEGE AND HUNTERSVILLE.

I spent the first Sabbath in October, at Davidson College with Bro. D. S. Baker. We had preaching on Saturday and on Sunday administered the Lords Supper. At this the Christians were much encouraged and greatly strengthened. The work at this point is not large, but it is hopeful. The little church if true to its trust, will do its duty to God and man.

The church at Huntersville, which was demolished, during a storm last summer is rebuilt—under cover and can be used for worship.

OAKLAND AND SALISBURY.

Leaving Bro. Baker's field, I thought it well to go by Oakland and Salisbury, and see what the Master was doing for these churches. I found that Bro. John Murray, at Oakland, had not been well for a month, being unable on one or two Sabbaths, to preach. He has moved into his new house, and, aside from sickness is doing well. He and the people appear to be well satisfied with the new arrangement.

I spent two days in Salisbury. Bro. F. C. Potter appeared well and cheerful on the first day, but on the second, when I left, he was shaking with the chills. The work here is encouraging—both church and school. The Parochial school, under the care of Mr. Luther Hubbard, opened on the first Monday in October, with twenty-seven, and up to this date (25th) has reached sixty-five.

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Returning home on Wednesday the 6th, I left on Friday the 8th for a little tour in South Carolina. My first stopping place in South Carolina was Columbia—where on Sabbath the 10th, I was permitted to preach and deliver an address to the Sabbath school. The pastor and congregation of this church have every reason to be thankful, take courage and go forward. An abundant harvest awaits them in the city of Columbia. Surely the Lord has "much people in this city."

LEESVILLE, S. C.

I visited Leesville, thirty-one miles north west of Columbia, in Lexington county, to arrange a church, if the way was clear; but the way was not clear; so we did not organize. The only difficulty we met was this: there are no Presbyterians at Leesville and never have been, neither white nor colored nor any persons now who wishes to be Presbyterians.

NEWBERRY, S. C.

I spent Saturday and Sunday, the 16th and 17th, very pleasantly and profitably at Newberry, a flourishing little town on the Columbia and Greenville Railroad, forty-six miles, a little northwest of Columbia.

Our congregation here is small but full of life and enthusiasm. Among other good things they are doing for the Master they are trying to build for Him a house of worship. They worship at present in a dwelling, which they own, beautifully located on Caldwell street, just opposite the Hoge school house; but as this is by no means adapted to the wants of the congregation, they are going to tare down a portion of it, remodel the remainder, to make a house 39x40, with ceiling sixteen feet high; this will make a neat, comfortable and roomy church. To accomplish this they are at work in dead earnest. Lumber in great abundance, round, hewd and sawed, is already upon the ground; and when the payment of the subscriptions was called for on Sabbath, men and women walked up boldly, and with good cheer, and paid $1, $2, $3, $5, &c., toward the work. They seem to regard

A PROMISE TO THE CHURCH AS A DEBT WHICH THEY OWE TO GOD AND ONE THAT MUST BE PAID.

We enjoyed the devotional and Sabbath school services very much. At the former the attendance and attention, were good. The music, led by Mr. W. H. Colman, who performed at the organ was excellent. Mr. Wm. Swead and Mrs Alice Long were received into the communion of the church.

The Sabbath school, under the superintendency of Mr. Eighelburger, is doing well. Along with the Bible they use the Westminster question book, quarterly, shorter Catechism, &c. The music in this, as well as in the church, led by the efficient organist, Mrs. Alice Long, was very good.

With zeal on the part of the members, cooperation of many friends, and a competent corpse of teachers at the head of the Sabbath school, and an earnest and well qualified leader in the church, this "little one," is destined to "become a thousand," and this "small one a strong nation." May the Lord hasten it in His time.

FROM NEWBERRY TO PITT'S CHURCH.

Leaving Newberry on Monday the 18th, I went to Pitt's church, in Laurens county, 18 miles west of Newberry, by way of Martin's depot, on the Newberry and Laurens Railroad. The church is situated nine miles south of this depot, on the left of the Augusta dirt road. This distance I traveled on a three horse wagon, having for my seat a dry goods box, which I bought of a merchant before leaving Martin's for ten cents, and for my cushion, I used my overcoat.

The membership and congregation of Pitt's church are large. The land in the neighborhood is pretty good and produces corn, cotton, sweet potatoes, "pinders," &c., in abundance. A good school here, is a pressing necessity; one to run six or eight months a year would be of great benefit to the people and a help to the church at large.

Through the unparalleled liberality of Elder Cary Jones, a saint in Israel, of three score and ten, and who has been compelled to go on crutch and cane for six years, on account of a misplaced hip, they have a house of worship closed in. It is thirty feet wide and forty feet long. It needs to be seated, ceiled and painted. The present value of the house and lot, is about $300. One hundred and fifty dollars would be sufficient to complete the work and thus make the building comfortable. As these people have never asked for any help, and as their strength for building is now almost exhausted, it is hoped that the Board of church erection would grant the amount needed if asked for. Such a grant would be a blessing to the church and the whole community.

It was my privilege to preach to these people on Tuesday and Wednesday nights, the 19th and 20th; and when I left on Thursday for Columbia I was fully convinced that it was possible, with a little help, and a school, to do a great and good work here for Christ.

The other churches of this mission at Clinton twelve miles north west and one at Laurens Court House, sixteen miles north west from this place I did not visit, but learned that they are weak in members and strength but with

MORE PREACHING, GOOD BUILDINGS, AND PERMANENT SCHOOLS,

would gather in large numbers and become strong. Of this, I am assured, there is not the least doubt.

A SPLENDID SUNDAY SCHOOL AT CLINTON.

I was informed that Miss Emma Galloway is teaching a flourishing Free Public School at Clinton and has a splendid Sabbath School, the best in this part of the State.

CALL FOR A NEW CHURCH.

There is a call to organize a church at Cross Hill, seven miles from Pitt's church, but in as much as Rev. G. T. Dillard has more work now than he can well do, it is considered best not to add any more churches to this field at present. Cross Hill might be made a station and Bro. D. could preach occasionally as he might have opportunity.

I left Pitt's church on Thursday the 21st, for Columbia again. On reaching Martin's depot, we heard

PAINFUL NEWS.

At Laurens, during the day, a political meeting had been held by the Republicans, an attempt was made to break it up; a row followed in which one colored man was shot and killed; others were wounded. Such conduct is awful. It is a disgrace to civilization. Nothing can overcome this evil but Education and Religion. God grant that the people may have both without measure.

Reaching Columbia I remained until Monday the 25th. We held services on Thursday and Friday nights, and on Sabbath night administered the communion of the Lord's Supper. It was a refreshing season. God blessed us.

REQUESTED TO VISIT ORANGEBURG.

I am informed that there is demand for a Presbyterian church at Orangeburg, S. C., and before I went to Columbia, and while there, was requested to visit the field and, if the way was clear, organize a church; but for various reasons I thought it best to let the whole matter stand till next meeting of Atlantic Presbytery, within whose bounds the field is located, for its consideration and advice.

MANY CALLS, BUT WHAT SHALL WE SAY.

The calls to explore unoccupied ground and organize new churches, are loud and numerous, but we cannot heed them without some help to commence and men to care for the work we gather.

W. R. COLES, S. M.

WORK AMONG THE FREEDMEN.

Some time during August an article in the *Presbyterian*, under the caption, "To Whom it may Concern," told the story of a missionary among the Freedmen in North Carolina, whose work extended over a circuit of fifty miles, and who found his usefulness terribly impeded by the want of some means of conveyance over his extensive parish. Overwhelmed by the greatness, almost the impossibility of his work, he called out for help, and we laid his earnest cry before the readers of the *Presbyterian*. Their answer came from various sources, and to-day we have the pleasure of giving the unknown friends of this faithful and laborious worker the following letter, received at this office, from the missionary, Rev. Henry D. Wood, of Cameron, N. C.

CAMERON, MOORE CO., N. C., October 6, 1880.

"Your very kind letter, with fifty-five dollars inclosed, was duly received; I cannot find words to express my thankfulness. My heart overflows with gratitude to God, seeing I have been so wonderfully blessed in finding favor with such good, kind friends. The greatest obstacle to my work is removed. I can now say, 'I have all, and abound.' May the Lord sanctify the generous gift wholly to His service, is my prayer, and make me worthy of the honor I have received as one of His servants. I have three churches under my care, with Sabbath Schools in each church. These are located about twenty miles apart, over a thinly settled country. The people come from great distances to hear preaching and to receive instruction in the Sabbath School, and the deep interest manifested in religion is a great encouragement to work, and gives great hopes for the elevation of our people. They have been so often misled and deceived that any one, seeking their good, labors at a great disadvantage among them until his motives are understood, hence the necessity which compels us to seek aid outside our fields of labor. I thank God there are those who understand this, and are ever ready and willing to give the helping hand in time of need, otherwise I cannot see what would become of these people.

"I have been so limited as to means for carrying on my work that I have not been able to accomplish much as yet. I am comparatively a stranger among the people, but now I can visit them at their homes, see them at their daily occupations, and know them as I never could by meeting them only on the Sabbath day, once or twice a month; so that my opportunities for doing good are more than doubled."—*Presbyterian.*

A DAUGHTER OF DR. GARNET GOING TO AFRICA.

Mrs. Mary H. Garnet Barboza, the daughter of the Rev. Henry Highland Garnet of this city, expects to sail for Africa on the 5th of November with her family, consisting of her husband and four children, for the purpose of establishing and teaching a school for the education of girls in the several branches of common school education, and those pertaining to cirilized and Christian life.

Mrs. Barboza is a member of Shiloh Presbyterian church, of which her father has so long been its honored pastor. She is a well trained and cultivated teacher, having had much experience in this chosen department of labor. She will go out to Africa under the auspices of "The Ladies' Board of Missions of the Presbyterian Church," who have the supervision and control of this important mission is on the St. Paul's River, some fifteen miles from Monrovia, the capital of the republic of Liberia.

The Rev. Dr. E. W. Blyden, ex-President Payne, and senator J. J. Ross, who recently visited this country, hail this project of the Ladies' Board with great delight, and agree with the best friends of Africa who have made the problem of the civilization of that land a careful study, that this movement is of the greatest importance. They believe that the proposed work begins at the bottom of the people's necessities, and that it will lay a foundation upon which a superstructure may be built that shall be to the praise and the glory of God. When the women of Africa shall be lifted from their degredation and ignorance, and shall be educated in the love and fear of God, then will begin the dawn of the day of redemption of that land, which has been for centuries robbed and peeled.

Contributions towards this work, which are earnestly solicited, may be sent to Mrs. U. P. Hartt, treasurer of the Board, at 23 Centre street, New York.—*Evangelist.*