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THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF TEACHERS IN COLORED SCHOOLS.

The Executive Committee of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools held a meeting January 16th at Tuskegee Institute, Tuskegee, Alabama, for the purpose of arranging a program at cetera for the next annual meeting of the Association to be held at Tuskegee Institute, July 25-27.

The program set up and which will be published soon, promises to be a most interesting one in Negro education. It is to be hoped that there will be a large representation of teachers at the next annual meeting of the Association.

THE TUSKEGEE CONFERENCE.

The Annual Tuskegee Farmers' Conference, recently held at Tuskegee Institute, was very largely attended by farmers, educators, social workers and others interested in the uplift of the Negro race.

Marked educational and economic progress was indicated in the discussions and reports. The importance of education, buying of homes and intensive farming were particularly stressed in the conference.

An interesting part of the program of the conference was the presentation of a fine truck by the farmers of the State, particularly those of the county in which Tuskegee Institute is located, to the movable school (or the school on wheels), conducted in the State of Alabama by Tuskegee Institute.

The truck, which was fully equipped with such outfits as are necessary for farm demonstration work and home economics, will be quite an asset to the movable school work as it is being conducted by Tuskegee.

The annual Farmers' Conferences of Tuskegee are contributing much to the colored farmers of the country in the way of inspiration and valuable information.

MR. J. S. HILL DEAD.

On the 24th of January Mr. J. S. Hill, a well-known citizen and banker of Winston-Salem, died at his home in that city. He had been in poor health for several months. By careful management Mr. Hill had acquired large real estate holdings in Winston-Salem and was perhaps one of the wealthiest colored men in the State. He was a staunch Presbyterian and gave liberally to the support of Grace church, in which he was an officer.

In his death Winston-Salem and Grace church have lost a strong factor in their upbuilding.

"UNCLE BILLIE'S" REMINISCENCES.

"Uncle Billie" has written an absorbingly interesting account of life at Biddle during his student days. These reminiscences, the first installment which appears in this number, will be a feature of the paper for several weeks. We are sure many of our readers will follow them to the last word.

AN OPEN LETTER

To the Athletic Council J. C. S. University, Charlotte, N. C.

Gentlemen:

It is indeed gratifying to note that the spirit at J. C. S. U. towards athletics is not the same that existed at Old Biddle in my days there.

I see in your recent letter to the alumni, that you have visions of a new athletic field, a first-class gymnasium and an Athletic Director. If a student had advocated these things openly 15 years ago, he would have been stigmatized as an idle dreamer or a fool.

I am sure you see the point clearly, when you say, "The Athletic Department is essential to the growth of the institution, whether we like to admit the fact or not. Athletics have a unique value in the American college life, and no American college today can remain indifferent to the question of college sports and hold its proper place with other colleges and Universities."

If this is true, it behooves us to have the best Athletic Department possible at J. C. S. University.

It had been a question in my mind, before reading your open letter, whether the University would accept counsel from the Alumni in matters pertaining to Athletics. I heartily agree that the Alumni should support the athletics program of the University 100 per cent, and I further feel that the alumni should have a stronger voice in shaping the athletic program of the school. The alumni should be represented on the athletic council. When I say this, I do not mean just the few men in and around Charlotte, Lincoln, Howard, Ohio State University (the school of which I have the honor of being an alumnus), and other universities have an alumni advisory committee as part of the athletic council and also graduate managers of the foot ball teams. This is advisable for foot ball, inasmuch as it is a business that requires superior executive ability.

I do not even know the coach, but unless he is of the calibre of Fritz Pollard of Brown, Shelburne of Dartmouth, Slayter of Iowa, or West of W. and J. he is not the gentleman to train the sons of our alma mater.

If you can furnish the material and the coach I am sure the sons of the "Gold and Blue" may be depended upon to do their part in furnishing the "long green."

As for my part, I am 100 per cent for your program and will do all in my power to give "Dear Old Biddle" the fastest and best team on the continent.

Yours for better athletics,
W. G. CAPEL.
Berkley, W. Va.
Jan. 15th.

S A L E M PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ANDERSON, S. C.

(By Mrs. M. V. Marion.)

As the Sundays roll by it seems as if we are being filled with more spiritual power. Each sermon leaves us wondering what is coming next. Sabbath morning, Rev. C. W. Francis was at his best. He preached from the text "The Lord of host is with us, the God of Jacob is our refuge," Psalm 46:7.

We were pleased to have the following worship with us Sunday: Mrs. Fair, Dr. Edmund Johnson, Messrs. John Holmes, Peter Woolridge and Earle Carter.

Mrs. Whitmore, a blind woman, was a visitor to the "Friendship" Bible class and gave a very touching talk at the close of the service.

Mrs. Iola Wallace is ill at this writing.

The Y. P. C. E. society had a very good program last Sabbath afternoon. Many visitors were present and all seemed to have enjoyed the program.

Presbyterian S. S. Missionary Quartet



The Presbyterian Sunday-school Missionary Quartet headed by Dr. A. B. McCoy, of Atlanta, Ga., is now in New York City, appearing in some of the most prominent churches of the city and vicinity, and creating most favorable interest with their songs and message. Reading from left to right, in the above photo, they are: Prof. A. A. Adair, of South Carolina; Dr. A. B. McCoy, of Georgia; Prof. I. M. Martin, of Virginia, and Rev. J. B. Barber, of North Carolina.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet Friday afternoon at 4 P. M. at the home of Mrs. Stacy Thompson, 8 Fant street.

We are expecting Rev. M. A. Sanders and Miss M. V. Fortune on February 4th, to conduct a two-days' Institute. All Sunday School workers are invited.

Madam Rachel Glenn will spend the month of February at home. Her church and friends are delighted to have her with them these few days.

Mrs. R. P. Quarles has been confined to her bed two weeks with the influenza. We pray for her recovery.

CLARENCE C. WHITE IN VIOLIN RECITAL

Clarence Cameron White, highlighted a large and appreciative audience in a violin recital Monday night, January 29, at Johnson C. Smith (Biddle) University.

The full, soulful tones he elicited from the very soul of the violin in his opening number brought to him a veritable ovation.

Mr. White brings to his art, first, a musical personality, and then a simplicity of style and a depth of grasp of the intricacies of tone color and harmonic blending in well nigh perfect technique, to the extent that one is reminded of the great Kreisler. The program included:

- African Dance— S. Coleridge-Taylor
- Poeme— Fibish
- Humoreske— Dvorak
- Melody— Juon
- Mazurka— Wieniawski
- Legende— Bohm

Mr. White played four of his own compositions: Cradle Song, Twilight, Negro Chant, (built upon the theme, "Nobody Knows the Trouble I See"), and Valse Coquette.

Responding to the generous audience, Mr. White gave an appreciation manifested by the encores "Traumerei" (Shumann), "Auld Lang Syne" (unaccompanied) and "Oriental," from the Russian composer, Cui.

These were given with consummate skill and delicacy in the interpretation that was most pleasing.

Mr. Royster Tate was at the piano and gave an intelligent and pleasing support.

Thos. A. Long, Johnson C. Smith (Biddle) University.

NOTES FROM CALVARY CHURCH, ASHEVILLE.

(By R. E. Dusenbury.)

Funeral services for Mrs. Pettie, who passed away Wednesday, January 17th, were conducted at Calvary Church, Sunday afternoon.

Calvary Parochial School reopened Monday, January 15th. The reopening was delayed because of the influenza epidemic in the city.

Mrs. G. W. Hamilton spent the week-end visiting friends out of the city.

Our C. E. Society is indeed a wide awake organization. We were glad to see in the audience Sunday, January 21st, Mesdames John R. Nelson, Maggie James, Burnette and Mayfield, of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

The Workers' Conference met at the manse on Monday evening, January 22.

Quite a number of the members of Calvary Church have been ill during the recent influenza epidemic but we are glad to see most of them are out again.

"Stewardship" was the subject of a lecture given by Prof. J. H. Michael after the prayer meeting last Wednesday evening.

ANNOUNCEMENT EXTRAORDINARY.

The Officers and Directors are announcing that an amendment to the Charter of the Atlanta Mutual Insurance Company, changing its name to the Atlanta Life Insurance Company, has been granted by the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, increasing its capital stock from \$25,000 to \$100,000 and granting the privilege of writing all classes of life insurance on the ordinary basis up to \$10,000. The old line department will be launched sometime after the first of February.

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HUNTERSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS.

Dear Editor: It has been some time since you heard from us, but we have been very busy here, working for the unbuilding of the Master's kingdom.

Sunday morning a large congregation listened to a strong sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. R. L. Moore, from Ephesians 6:29, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good." He told us in his own way how we should be loving and kind and tenderhearted, forgiving one another for Christ's sake.

Our Sunday school is still making progress. The Missionary Bible class, taught by Mrs. M. J. Phifer, presented to Rev.

Bell a nice little sum of money as a Christmas token.

The Missionary women have their regular meetings in spite of the weather. They always have the spirit of joy and love.

Mr. Tom Pharr, of Winston-Salem, was a welcome visitor at our church last Sunday morning and made a very interesting talk.

Elder Phifer and little Myrtle are on the sick list at this writing. We hope that they will soon be themselves again.

Pray that we may do more for the Master.

Yours in the Lord,
Mrs. M. J. Phifer.

NOTES FROM BROOKLYN CHURCH.

(By Mrs. C. B. Maxwell.)

The Lord's Supper was administered at Brooklyn church last Sabbath morning. Our pastor preached a very impressive sermon from the text, "And the publican standing afar off would not lift so much as his eyes unto heaven," Luke 18:13.

Mrs. Mary Neeley worshipped with us on last Sabbath and was a visitor in the Silver Star class, Dr. Brodie, teacher.

Miss Birdie Alexander of this city, was a pleasant visitor in Silver Star class on last Sabbath.

We are glad to say that Brooklyn Church and the Sunday school are advancing each Sabbath. New members are added to the roll at each session.

Mrs. Maggie Lue Johnson, who for the past two or three weeks, has been very ill, is slowly improving at this writing.

Mr. Charley Rhyne, Superintendent of our Sabbath School, was sick last Sabbath.

DOING GOOD WORK AT MARION, N. C.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a word about our work in Western North Carolina.

The Rev. P. W. Toney, who has served this work for more than a year, is striving with untiring interest and enthusiasm to build this work up to the place where any earnest Christian would feel proud of both him and the church.

Notwithstanding the fact that the church is surrounded by five other churches of different denominations, Rev. Toney works as though he would work forever, and as though he would die tomorrow. Truly, he has tenacity of purpose and intends to conquer though he dies.

Sunday morning Rev. Toney preached a sermon that will remain in the hearts of the people for many years to come.

His text was found in the 15th chapter of Luke, 28th verse: "And he was angry and would not go in." Rev. Toney stated that we are like the elder son, stubborn Christians. He also encouraged brotherly love and altruism among church members.

Our Sabbath school is also progressing nicely. Since coming to this town as principal of the Graded School and Superintendent of the Sabbath school we have added a large and appreciable number to the Sabbath school. Even though we are few in number, and sometimes discouraged, when we consider for a moment, we realize that the God of heaven still lives and watches over this little flock. We trust that friends will pray that we too may increase in number and continue doing great work for God.

W. R. Mayberry.

EMANCIPATION DAY CELEBRATION AT FAYETTEVILLE.

Prof. Seabrook Delivers Notable Address.

(From The Fayetteville Observer.)

The main streets of the city were crowded on New Year's Day with colored people from every nook and corner of the Upper Cape Fear Section, who came to join in praise and thankfulness to our Heavenly Father for their freedom.

The parade was formed on West Moore Street, headed by Chief Marshall Joseph Drake and his assistants on horseback, the brass band, the speaker of the day, and many beautiful floats, automobiles and other

passing through the streets to the music of the band. The parade was a most impressive one and its ability to stand the test of time is beyond question.

In the evening E. E. Smith, who was probably detained at home on account of severe illness, D. T. Watson, chairman of committee on arrangements, presented Rev. J. G. Smith, who served as Master of Ceremonies. We heartily commend those who performed their several parts in such an excellent and creditable manner on the program and those who prepared floats, and all who aided in making the occasion a success.

One of the best emancipation addresses ever delivered in Fayetteville, was made by Prof. J. W. Seabrook, vice-president of the State Normal School, located here.

Prizes awarded for the most beautiful floats were:

1. T. H. Stewart.
2. Elks Club.
3. Hope Mills School.

CHERRY STREET CHURCH, HIGH POINT.

(By Mrs. J. H. Clement.)

Sunday evening, January 28, at 10 o'clock, Mr. C. W. Robinson, the leading elder of Cherry Street Presbyterian Church and Miss S. M. Barnes, of Sanford were happily married at the parsonage.

Mr. Robinson is well known throughout the State of North Carolina being superintendent of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company, of Durham, and corresponding secretary of the Sunday School Convention of the Central District of Yadkin Presbytery. Mr. Robinson is a splendid man.

Miss Barnes is one of the leading teachers of North Carolina, and has a position as fifth grade teacher in the Leonard Street Graded School of this city. She has won a host of friends during her stay here. She makes her home during the vacation at the home of I. E. Johnson stood as maid of honor. Dr. J. C. Morgan was best man, and Miss Jones ring bearer. Prof. Curtright was a witness. The bride wore a lovely gray coat suit and carried a lovely bunch of pink carnations. It was a quiet affair, and only few intimate friends were present. Rev. J. H. Clement officiated.

Mr. Will Torrence has been on the sick list. We are glad to know that he is improving.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Phillip and son and daughter, of Thomasville, motored over last Sunday evening and spent some time in the sick room of the writer, who has been very ill, but is glad to be able to be up again.

Those who have not paid their subscription to the Afro will please be ready to pay when the representatives calls, so High Point will be free.

Signs Indicate Better Business.

New York.—Quietness and a certain amount of irregularity in the financial markets during the past week offered a contrast to the encouraging character of reports from industrial and trade centers. The causes of the irregularity were not difficult to find. For one thing, the situation in the Ruhr valley still acted as a brake on speculative enthusiasm, although the market displayed a calmness in the face of alarmist rumors that testified to admonishing susceptibility to things of that sort. It also appeared that the security markets had entered into something of a resting period, the effects of the early January reinvestment demand having passed and the unusually large volume of new capital issues having taken the edge off the bond market for the time being.

Trade reports are distinctly cheerful. Many signs indicate business is considerably better than is usually the case at this time of year.

Paralysis is Spreading.

London.—The Times correspondent comments on the fact that the system of the Ruhr valley still acted as a brake on speculative enthusiasm, although the market displayed a calmness in the face of alarmist rumors that testified to admonishing susceptibility to things of that sort. It also appeared that the security markets had entered into something of a resting period, the effects of the early January reinvestment demand having passed and the unusually large volume of new capital issues having taken the edge off the bond market for the time being.