### THE SITUATION AT TIFT ENTH STREET CHURCH, WASHINGTON.

Editor Africo-American Pres

In your issue of May 7, 1925, appears the following from the pen of Mr. H. E. Dunn:

"For some reasons, Rev. C. J. Baker, D. D., to whom a pastoral call was extended (to serve as associate pastor of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church, Washington, D. C.,) is not go-ing to accept. A call has been extended to Rev. H. B. Taylor, of Paterson, N. J."

In justice to all concerned, a a statement of the facts in the case is imperative. They are as follows:

Dr. Baker's name was prese ed to me during the last Johnson C. Smith University commencement as available for as-sociate pastor of the Fifteenth Street church. It was stated that others were getting out of the special work in which he was engaged, and as it appeared that cessful engineers, according to this phase of the general Church work would soon be dis-continued, Dr. Baker was desir-ous of returning to the pastorate. Letters also were written our committee stressing his availability, and two brethren returning South from a Chicago meeting last December took the matter up with us informally.

We accordingly wrote Dr. Baker making an appointment for him to fill our pulpit. To safeguard ourselves, we stated what salary the position paid, including all the details, so that he would know not to come at all if not in position to accept, if

After his election, our feel-ings can better be imagined than letter from the Committee on Program and Field Activities, General Council of the General Assembly, stating,

"When we face what it would mean \* \* \* to lose the experience of Dr. Baker\* \* \* we decided that under no circumstances should we release Dr. Baker if it is at all possible to induce him to continue." Dr. Baker also wrote our committee.

Being secretary of our com-mittee appointed to secure an associate pastor, I had hurriedly taken the notes when our committee interviewed each minister invited to preach for us, for the congregation. I am also schools of journalism than in rutees of Johnson C. Smith University. And 48 hours prior to the date set for said congregational meeting when an associate pastor was voted upon I received a telegram calling me to the University for a meeting of the Board. Turning my notes over to another I caught the first train South.

Now, at my best I am no expert with the pen, as I can prove by the linotype operator who is trying to decipher this manuscript. But when I write hurriedly well-.

The result was that the congregational meeting gained little from the committee's report on any of the candidates-nothing regarding the qualifications of Rev. H. B. Taylor, of Pater-

son, N. J. Upon hearing from Dr. Baker we again held a congregational meeting at which I read my own notes, and Rev. Taylor was chosen on the first ballot, with three in the field. The election was then made unanimous and I sent to Paterson to present the call to him.

As an expression of our confidence in Rev. Taylor we have the time of his death. voted him the highest salary The funeral was our church has ever paid. We from the A. M. E. Zion church have also purchased a manse for of Statesville, Rev. H. E. Wilson, ing in June with great pleasure. Goler delivered the eulogy. A cordial welcome awaits him Short addresses were made by and his very interesting fami-

joyed at the conclusion of the other relatives survive.

Presbyterian church will never forget his splendid record of ser-

Of course, I shall be present at the Johnson C. Smith Alumni re-union and I shall be glad to meet all of my old friends there.

Sincerely yours, JOHN EDGAR SMITH, Class of '97, Washington, D. C.

### PROFESSIONAL CULTURE.

At Princeton the men in charge of the School of Engineering prefer to concentrate on the fundamentals of their art and on general culture, and to regard training in the minutiae engineering technique as cessful engineers, according to Dean A. M. Greene, are the men with a broad liberal education. Professor Greene believes that the imagination of the engineer should be equal to that of the novelist, the artist, the poet, or the preacher." In this country, it seems to be generally admit-ted, that aspiration has been realized. It is precisely in the engineering profession, and its allied art of architecture, that the American imagination has soared boldest and most success fully. We have been more our selves and more triumphant in our bridges, aqueducts and skyscrapers than in our novels or pictures or poetry. The argument for culture

holds for all professions. What Professor Greene claims for engineering has been claimed for law, medicine, journalism; and for that matter it is being increasingly claimed for business. We have here another forward movement in the evolution of professional education. We have been rapidly outgrowing the ancient rule-of-thumb training by apprenticeship. We have decided that better lawyers can be pro-duced by formal study in the class-room than by the ancient method of cleaning ink wells in a lawyer's office; better doctors in the colleges than by running errands for a practitioner. It is still a mooted question whether still a mooted question whether Frederick H., and Willie J. Wattrend is to the schools. The latest step involves the theory that even in the professional colleges better results are attained people from other cities. by minimizing the instruction in elaborate technical method. With a grounding in the fundamentals of his art, the professional graduate is sent out to acquire those details in the law office, the hospital and the city room.—Editorial in New York

#### PROMINENT METHODIST MINISTER DIES.

The Rev. H. B. Bennett, D. D. presiding elder of the North Charlotte District of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, died at his home in Salisbury last Saturday night after several weeks of illness. Dr. Bennett was born at Wadesboro 71 years ago. He was a faithful worker in the Church of his choice. He held many important charges, and was an earnest was accorded the honor of being preacher of the gospel. About 19 years ago he was made presiding elder by the late Bishop G. W. Clinton, and held that position to

The funeral was conducted several ministers, and resolu-tions read setting forth the high You will doubtless be pleased Christian character of the de to know that Dr. Grimke is over-ceased. Ten children and many ceased. Ten children and many

The passing of Elder F. H. Watkins, M. D., removes from our midst a citizen and church-Watkins, M. D., removes from our midst a citizen and church man whose services could hard work of the church will be turned over to him. Upon his shoulders will rest the entire responsibility.

But Dr. Grimke will continue as pastor for life. Fifteenth St. Presbytarian church will never to him. The state of May 7, 1925.

Watkins, M. D., removes from our midst a citizen and church will be estimated. He was stricken with paralysis Thursday, April 16th at 5 P. M., and died Friday the 17th at 7 A. M.

Frederick Henry Watkins was born in Richmond County, February 17, 1974. He received his

ruary 17, 1874. He received his A. B. degree from Biddle University, now Johnson C. Smith University in 1895, and after heroic sacrifices and struggles with New Haven, Conn., on the 30 adverse circumstances he completed his medical course at Leonard Medical School, Shaw Hrs. R. S. Dickson. The body ar-University, Raleigh.
About 18 years ago Dr. Wat-

kins came to Concord. Hsi practice here, as elsewhere, grew steadily and his services were constantly in demand. He won the respect and confidence of all whom he served. As a physician he was recognized as skillful and efficient. He was devoted to his profession and was constantly in demand. This, however, did not prevent him from giving his home and family his every care, striving to promote comfort and happiness for his wife, children to the finance of the functional services were close of the meeting a delicious repast was served. The Choral Club sang at "The Choral Club sang at "The Church by the Side of the Road," (white Presbyterian), Thursdeep, and Rev. M. A. Sanders, day night, May 14th, upon special invitation. The large audition. happiness for his wife, children and friends. His doors were al-ways open to his friends. He and his devoted wife enjoyed entertaining their friends at all

votion to his church. He was recalled out of Sabbath services, and sometimes he was detained es of color on professional business, but al- of slavery. ways he came to church.

As church clerk he was accuhelp to the pastor. He was an untiring church booster, constantly inviting others to the services. He never refused to go to Presbytery if other elders elected could not attend. Consequently he was well known in Cataw-General Assembly the same year in Indianapolis, Ind., as lay com-

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Lytle Watkins, and five children. Three sons of a

The funeral services were held April 19, at 2:00 P. M. It was attended by a large number of

He was a member of the Ma sons, Pythians, Odd Fellows and Easter Star, and was buried with the honors of these orders. 'His life was gentle, and the ele-

o my in him, that Nature So mi

Stand up and say to the world, "This was a man!"

Resolutions by the Session. Whereas: It has pleased Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, to call from labor to reward Dr. F. H. Watkins, a faithful of-

ficer and member of Westminter church; and, Wheras: His passing is the cause of great sorrow among the membership of our church and congregation; therefore, be

Resolved: First, that the church has lost a faithful and enegetic member.

Second: That the session and official Board have sustained the loss of an officer whose unselfish service, helpful counsel and optimistic spirit have been a blessing to the church.

Third: That we bow in humhim for \$10,000 cash, and we pastor. Bishop L. W. Kyles had ble submission to Him who givare looking forward to his com-charge of the service. Dr. W. H. eth and taketh away, for his ble submission to Him who giv-eth and taketh away, for his To such a preacher we will own honor and for his own glo-

Fourth: That we extend our sincere sympathy to the beloved wife and children and to the other relatives in this their hour of grief.

ELDER F. H. WATKINS, M. D. Fifth: That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the record of our church and one nt to the Africo-American resbyterian for publication. Done by order of the session of Westminster church, this the 18th day of April, Nineteen hun-dred and twenty-five.

ED. BARRINGER. H. L. CALDWELL, REV. H. WILSON, Mod

### MRS. W. L. METZ'S MOTHER

Mrs. Mary Jane Jones, the ved in Charleston Sunday corning, May the 3rd, at 6:30 A. M., accompanied by Mrs. Mckson and her brother, Mr. lichard Perry Jones, who lives a New Rochelle, N. Y.

The funeral services were

Just twenty-three years ago its Jones was preceded by her susband, Mr. John Jones; by ter third daughter Beulah, elev-Another beautiful characteristic of Dr. Watkins was his de-terior to his abuse by the second of Los Angeles, Cal., nine years

in Charleston for certain class- Friday evening. es of colored people in the days

George rate and courteous to every church, of which the Rev. E. J. member. As assistant clerk of Adams was pastor and who was the session he was an invaluable one of our first colored missionaries to come South after the civil war. She was also one of of George Street church.

She lived with her daughter, Mrs. Metz, before going to New Haven about four years ago. ba Presbytery. He was Modera- Mrs. Jones always enjoyed ro- C. A. Waugh have been indistor of the Presbytery in the bust health until she fell and posed. Their many friends are spring of 1923, and attended the sustained a broken limb nearly three years ago. She was never able to walk any more, but active in mind, and, being a dressmaker by profession, used the sewing machine with ease until taken ill of tonsilitis four weeks before her death. She died in her eighty-fifth year.

# CHURCHES WANT MINIS-

Grace Presbyterian church, of 50, and about twenty members. With a good, educated, consecrated Christian preacher the kogee is a city with over 35,000 inhabitants, 10,000 of which are colored. They are anxious to have a pastor to serve them part or all of the time. With the help of the Church Board, they can pay a pastor about \$65.00 per month. Send all applications for this work to D. J. Wallace, S. C., and

6th Street, Okmulgee, Oklaho-Mt. Olive Presbyterian church of Okmulgee, Oklahoma, is now vacant. Rev. V. McPherson has resigned as pastor of said church

Vacancies and Supplies, 617 E.

to take up work in Los Angeles. The said church has a nice brick building well furnished, and a 5 room, modern bungalow manse. It has sixty members. about half of which are active.

The church desires a pastor who is an educated, energetic, consecrated Christian man with a family, who is a good, expe-

per month.

Send all applications for said church to D. J. Wallace, S. C., chairman of the Committee on Vacancies and Supplies, 617 E. 6th Street, Okmulgee, Okla.

The men of the church, under

# GREENSBORO.

By Mrs. W. J. Jones, Reporter

"Men's Day" was fittingly observed Sunday, May 17th, at St. James Presbyterian church. Mr. A. M. Scales spoke at the 11 o'clock service on "Egypt and the Holy Land," to a large and appreciative audience. At night Capt. D. J. Gilmer spoke, sub-ject, "St. James Presbyterian Church."

The music for the day was furnished by a chorus of 24 men.
Two numbers were rendered by
St. James Male Quartette. The
St. James Male Quartette. The

with Mrs. Edna Hunter on Thursday, May 14. Quite a number of members were present. The usual routine of business was transacted. At the and busy in raising funds to-close of the meeting a delicious wards getting new pulpit furni-

the club was asked to render a in the future than in the past. special program at a later day.

Mr. Carter, of Jacksonville, Fla., a brother of Mr. S. W. Carter, and Mrs. Wood, of Salisbury, were among the visitors at the 11 o'clock services Sunday. The attendance at the Sunday

votion to his church. He was reago.

Installed an elder of WestminSter church in 1919. His pastor privileges before the civil war and "Up and Doing class" made ster church in 1919. His pastor privileges before the civil war believes he has not been absent in that she attended school in more than twice during the past Charleston in the days of her five years. He was frequently childhood, as there were schools meets with Mrs. W. J. Jones on

Mrs. Jones was a teacher in yesterday to attend the com-Seorge Street Presbyterian mencement exercises of Berry mencement exercises of Berry O'Kelly School.

Mrs. Julia Nocho met with

painful accident last week by naving a fall.

Mrs. Hazel Sevier, daughter the leading singers in the choir of Mrs. Annie Sevier, is out again after an operation from which she was confined for several weeks.

Mrs. J. F. Watkins and Mrs. C. A. Waugh have been indisglad to see them out again. Mrs. W. J. Jones has recently

received announcement of the marriage of her nephew, Mr. Mae Hood on December 26th. dle man.

as one of end visitors to Greensboro.

Miss Irene Rodgers, sister of Muskogee, Okla., is vacant. It Miss Mamie Rodgers, made a School, and other distinguished has a frame building about 30x flying visit to her sister's last white citizens of the town. They week. Miss Mamie Rodgers is Synodical Sunday School Secretary. She has held this office for by the Quintette. Our friends a number of years and is also are very welcome to come again. work can be easily built up. Mus- one of our influential graded school teachers.

#### WALLINGFORD PRESBYTE-RIAN CHURCH, CHARLES-TON, S. C.

Sunday morning, May 3, our pastor, Rev. W. T. Frasier, preached a very interesting serchairman of the Committe on mon from Mark 10:49, subject, "The Master is Calling for You."

> At night his sermon was taken from Acts 16:25, subject, "Singing at Night." Both services were well attended and all ing. With great sacrifice of time:

church work for 1924, and have entered our new church year with a clear record, all debts be-

ing paid.

We have been having a ten nights' revival. During the revival we received the message of our Lord from some of the best ministers of other denominations of Charleston. It was one of the best revivals we have had for quite a while. Ten young converts were added to give about one hundred dollars our membership. We are praying that they will continue in the

painted. The members all

grateful to Bros. Thos. and Horace Rivers, who did the work so willingly free of charge.

The Willing Workers' Club gave a Ham Contest on May 4, for the benefit of the church. Elder Jos. Bryan won the lucky number. number

On Wednesday night, May 6, Dr. Thomas Koontz, of Oil City, Penn., preached a very touching sermon from the subject, "Almost Persuaded." There was a large attendance and other slegan for the day was "Say It With Men."

The Ladies' Aid Society met James Island. The whole congregation was spiritually benefitted and all went home feeling glad that they had been there. All of our clubs are wide awake

ture and a new carpet for our

We are grateful to our Heavenly Father for what He al-lowed us to do in the past year and we are praying that he will bless us even more abundantly

## WAXHAW CHURCH AND SCHOOL NEWS.

The Waxhaw Public School has had a very successful year. The new Rosenwald building and the spacious campus gave new life to our work.

The closing exercises began Wednesday night, April 22nd, and ended Friday night, April 24. Rev. F. J. Anderson, D. D. Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Mears and of Johnson C. Smith University, family motored to Method on delivered a powerful address to the students, parents and many of our best white friends of the county on "Education and Its Uses." The speaker used simple and practical illustrations which drove his thoughts into the minds and hearts of his hearers.

The Johnson C. Smith University Quintette have a great pull on the white and colored citizens of Waxhaw. They, too, acquitted themselves very creditably.

A coincident that had never happened before was the closing of the Waxhaw High School (white), and the colored public school at the same time. To be Willie W. Chaney to Miss Kittie with us and to hear the address of the evening and the Quintette 1924. The couple will live at of Johnson C. Smith University, 964 Holbrook Street, Danville, the Principal of the Waxhaw Va. Mr. Chaney is a former Bid- High School abberviated his program. So we had the County Mrs. Mary Adams Shepherd, Superintendent and wife, Prof. and Mrs. Ray Funderburk, the Register of Deeds of Monroe, the Faculty of the Waxhaw High spoke in high terms of the address and of the music rendered

Thursday night the weather was ideal and standing room was at a premium in our school auditorium. The children in the primary grades acquitted themselves well.

Friday night the advanced grades performed. The program consisted of dialogues, plays, recitations, declamations and music. All who were present seemed to have enjoyed themselves.

We are very proud of the Waxhaw Public School buildpresent felt spiritually benefit-ted. And we will take this opportu-nity to thank Prof. G. E. Davis. who was instrumental in our get-ting the building, and who encouraged us to do our bit in order that the building might be

made possible. Mt. Pisgah Church. Sunday, April 26, was an ideal day for worship and Marvin and Simfield A. M. E. Zion congregations with their pastors were with us in the afternoon. At the morning service, Rev. S. L. Fulwood, our pastor, spoke very effectively and earnestly from Eccles, 3:1, and in the afternoon from Matt. 6:19-21. Mrs. Minnie Morris was received into full communion of the church on confession of faith.

MRS. ROSA E. FULWOOD