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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 32.

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## PRESIDENT LEWIS PREACHES BEAUTIFUL SERMON TO SCOTIA GIRLS.

Dr. T. R. Lewis, President of Scotia Women's College, preached the baccalaureate sermon to the twenty-eight graduates of that institution May 17 in Westminster Presbyterian church. The following is the text of his remarks:

Proverbs 4:23, "Keep thy heart with all diligence, for out of it are the issues of life."

The Bible abounds in figures of speech. What do I mean by that? What is a figure? Figure comes from a word that means to form or to fashion. If I wish to express the number one, I do it by forming a short, straight line which we call figure 1, and so on up to ten, the primary figures out of which all larger numbers are formed. So in speech or language, if I wish to state some truth I can do it in the simplest form. I can do so by using the simplest words. If I wish to state the same truth in a more attractive and impressive way I can use some form of speech that will excite the imagination to figure, form, picture the idea of the truth I wish to convey. I may say the drunkard loves whiskey. That's a simple statement. But if I say the drunkard loses his health, that is more startling and vivid; it might have been said that a good man will have increasing joy and reach heaven at last. But the Spirit of God speaking through Solomon did not put it that way. He used forms, figures, pictures of natural things and said what was more beautiful and impressive: "The path of the just is as a shining light that shineth more and more unto the perfect day."

Just so in the urgent appeal of this Proverb: "Keep thy heart with all diligence." Solomon might have said, watch your inner man, for that determines what you are and will be. But how much more vivid it is when he clothes his appeal with the form of a guard with his attention fixed first of all upon the most vital member of the body. "Keep above all thy keeping thy heart, for out of it are the issues of life."

1. This Proverb, then, concerns the heart. The word used here means first the heart, the most vital organ of the body. Many organs of the body are wonderful, the eye, the ear or the hand, but none more so than the heart. It is a muscle about the size of your fist, lying back of the breast bone, surrounded by the lungs, and encased in the pericardium whose liquid prevents friction in the heart's ceaseless motion. Wonderful is this vital organ, not only because of the way it is living in a protected place, but also because of the work it does. Expanding and contracting with a brief rest between, it pumps the blood to and from the extremities of the body.

Now, just as the body has a heart, so the inner man has a heart. And what does that mean?

The best answer I have seen is that it means the whole inner man—that immaterial part of us that dwells in the body, that part of man which distinguishes him from an animal creature, because by it he has self-consciousness and self-determination. The heart may be conscious but not self-conscious. It may determine, but other things than the self provoke the determination. The heart is that in a person that knows, loves or hates, and that chooses. And what a man knows, loves, hates and wills that determines the issues; the course, the current of his life. The power to know, to love or hate and to will are ever active in the individual personality, though one of them may be often exercised to the detriment of the others. For example, one

may know the right, but if he does not choose the right, then both his knowledge and his love will suffer loss.

The heart then is the core of our unseen self, being, personality—whence pour forth the streams of our life. The state of the heart stamps the life. Therefore the Spirit of God becomes very urgent that,

2. We keep the heart with all diligence. We keep our bodies. We protect them against the cold of winter and the heat of summer. If any member suffer the slightest wound we apply the germ destroyer lest a poison slip into the blood. If the heart be weak we avoid excitement or unwelcome news that this vital member may not have over pressure imposed upon it. A girl said to me the other day, "Don't write to my mother. She has a weak heart." Transferring money from the bureau of printing or the mint, the government trucks are supplied with guards, armed to shoot. Banks build great steel vaults, equipped with the most approved electrical devices so that the least touch of the robber will sound the alarm. Houses and lives are insured that owners and dependents may be kept from loss and financial embarrassment in a sudden change.

Yes, many things are kept. But above all we keep, we are to keep our hearts, because on this core of our being our inner self depends, and the issues of each day and of the Day of Days toward which all days are swiftly passing.

3. Now we know what the heart means and the necessity of keeping it with all diligence, but just here let me remark we are confronted with an impossibility. Does God command men to do the impossible? He certainly does and if we have not found that out we have hitherto missed one of the steps in our salvation; yea, we have failed to understand the Age of Law which was a preparation for the gospel. God always commands us to do what we ought to do. And if we are unable to do it the command will lead to and deepen the conviction of our own inability.

Just because of the mastery and corrupting power of sin the great physician who knows the heart has given a hopeless diagnosis of its constitution.

"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. Who can know it?" "Out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies." These are the things that defile the man. "A good man out of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil, for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh." Now the utter failure of all human schemes to change or keep such a heart as that is confirmed by the testimony of the truth of God by His prophet. Can the Ethiopian change his skin or the leopard his spots? Thus may ye also do good that are accustomed to do evil.

3. But thanks be to God, while this commands presents a human impossibility it is that we may be turned to the divine possibility. "With man it is impossible, but not with God, for with God all things are possible."

The wisdom of God, speaking in another proverb, is pointing to the possible in this paternal plea, "My son, give me thine heart."

The impossible now becomes the possible because Christ has entered in and has taken the heart into His keeping, and if this word of God teaches any-

thing it does teach this: The present and everlasting security of every one to whom He has held out the golden scepter of His love.

This is confirmed by some of the precious and exceeding great promises and by many concrete examples.

Think of Elijah kept from the wrath of Ahab by the secluded brook and later, when it dried up, in the home of the widow in far off Zarephath. Think of the captives kept from the fire of the furnace and Daniel from the mouth of the lions. Terms fall me to say more save that this gracious truth finds its glorious consummation in Jude's four words concerning the called and beloved in God—the "Kept for Jesus Christ;" and this is assured by His prayer which cannot fail. "Holy Father, keep in thine own name those whom thou hast given me." And "the name of Jehovah is a strong tower. The righteous runneth into it and are safe."

My young friends, members of the class of 1925, for a longer or shorter period you have been pursuing the prescribed course in Scotia, which stands now, as she has always stood, for the saving and safety of the heart.

I trust you have all learned that lesson as you have tarried within her walls. I also trust you have learned what I have endeavored to impress upon you, doubtless for the last time as an assembled class, that the impossibility of keeping your heart as it ought to be kept will cause you to abide in Him to whom you have fled for refuge. Doing that there will be no question as to the thoughts and purposes of your heart nor the works of your hands. With your hearts committed to Christ's keeping there will be no doubt as to the issues of your life. In the place God assigns you and by the grace He gives your life will be a river whose streams will refresh the thirsty and finally make glad the city of God. May the Lord be your keeper. May He keep your souls from all evil, your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forever more. And that honor may be given to Him to whom all honor is due, let this be your ascription: Unto Him that is able to keep you from stumbling, keep you from falling, and set you before the presence of His glory in exceeding joy; to the one God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and power before all time, and now and forevermore. Amen.

## FOUR SOCIAL WORKERS ARE GRADUATED.

Atlanta School of Social Work Completes Fifth Year of Operation.

Atlanta, Ga., June 6.—Completing its fifth year of successful operation, the Atlanta School of Social Work conferred four certificates of graduation at its annual commencement Friday evening. The graduates were Misses Louise Heard, Salome Crawford and Rose L. Smith, of Atlanta, and Miss Helen Willis, of Macon, Ga. All four go immediately into practical social work, Miss Heard taking employment in Columbus, Ga., Miss Willis in Houston, Texas, and Misses Crawford and Smith doing volunteer work with welfare organizations in this city, for the sake of further experience.

The Atlanta School of Social Work, which was established in 1920, is the only institution of the kind in the United States for the training of colored social workers. It has been steadily adding to its faculty and curriculum, as increasing financial support has made expansion possible. A grant of \$5,000 from the Russell Sage Foundation has just been made to the school, conditioned on the raising of an

equal amount from individual donors. A like sum is received annually from the Laura Spelman Memorial. The graduates of the institution are in great demand and usually find employment before graduation. The school is under the direction of an interracial board of trustees and the faculty is composed of both colored and white specialists in the field of social work. The institution is headed by Prof. E. Franklin Frazier, an A. graduate of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., Research Fellow of the New York School of Social Work, and American Fellow of the University of Copenhagen.

## BRAINERD'S COMMENCEMENT.

By Rev. D. Talmage Murray.

Brainerd Institute brought its 10th commencement to a close June 1st, 12:35 P. M. Prof. S. Marquis, President of the school, in his closing address to the students and friends, declared that although a great loss had come to the institution in the destruction by fire of the girls' dormitory, yet despite that fact he regarded this year as one of the most successful in the history of the institution, and that we had many things to be thankful for. The replacing of the Girls' Dormitory, with all modern conveniences, is an encouragement in itself.

With constant labor and thoughtful planning Prof. and Mrs. Marquis have labored hard day and night formulating plans to advance the school. Prof. Marquis has in mind a wide program that he is hoping to put over during the next school term. Brainerd institute is regarded as one of the leading Negro High Schools in South Carolina. It has turned out such national leaders as the late Dr. D. J. Sanders, Dr. Cannon and others. And today that very same type of character is being developed by the noble missionaries who are laboring within these sacred walls.

It was a pleasure to have Mrs. W. T. Larimer, of Pittsburgh, Assistant Secretary of the Division of Missions for Colored People of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. Mrs. Larimer's presence was an inspiration to Brainerd students as it is to every student who comes in contact with her.

The commencement program began Tuesday evening at eight o'clock with school entertainment.

Saturday evening at 8:00 o'clock with a school entertainment—Comedy of Errors, by Shakespeare.

This play was under the direction of a member of the faculty, Miss Nettie M. Sharp. The play was introduced by Mr. John Bratton, a member of the senior class with Miss Vera List at the piano.

Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock immediately after devotions in the dining hall, President Marquis presented Mrs. W. T. Larimer. Out of a heart of love Mrs. Larimer addressed the student body from the theme, "The Challenge of Christian Service." First she emphasized the vast need of service. Second, the importance of it. Third, who will respond to it. After the address the school sang a Negro melody, "Lord, I Want to be a Christian in My Heart," led by Mr. Hemphill Brown, of the senior class.

Sabbath afternoon at 3:30 o'clock the annual sermon was preached by Dr. Shepperson, pastor of the Purity Presbyterian church of Chester. His text was Proverbs 30:24-30. The theme was "The Schoolhouse of

Nature." The ant teaches the lesson of foresightedness and preparation. "In the summer of ure," said he, "we should prepare for the winter of death." Second, the cones teach the lesson of securing a safe and eternal resting place. Third, the toad teaches us the lesson of necessary cooperation and organization. Fourth, the spider teaches us the lesson of high aspiration over the things of the world. This session was full of inspiration.

Sunday night at 8:30 o'clock the Ladies' Missionary Society of Carmel Presbyterian church rendered a popular program. Mrs. W. A. McCrorey presided. Four inspiring addresses were made by the following persons: Mrs. Leeper, representing the Catawba Presbytery; Mrs. A. A. Jones, Synodical President of Atlantic Synod; Mrs. J. S. Marquis, of Brainerd Institute, and Mrs. W. T. Larimer, representing the Board of National Missions. Mrs. Larimer was the principal speaker of the evening. In these addresses the missionary work and was discussed from every angle and brought new courage those who are giving their lives to the cause.

Commencement closed Monday, with the exercises of the graduating class. The program in full was as follows:

Anthem, "On Life's Highway."

Prayer, Dr. Leeper, King's Mountain.

Double Quartette, "In the Shadow of the Old Carolina Hills."

"A Welcome," Leona C. Newby, Chester, S. C.

"The Making of a Man," John S. McCullough, Winnsboro, S. C.

"Victorious Lives," Lutie M. Boykin, Winnsboro, S. C.

"Self Help," Louis Scott, Blackstock, S. C.

Piano Solo, "Intermezzo Cavalleria Rusticana," Wylene Jones.

"The Power of Amiability," Buedell T. Fair, Chester, S. C.

"Our Poet," John C. Honor, Chester, S. C.

"The Battle of Life," Anna H. Tolliver, Chester, S. C.

"My Country," William L. Byrd, Chester, S. C.

Chorus, "Honey Town."

"Will Power," Maude E. Harper, Chester, S. C.

"America, A World Power," Hemphill Brown, Leeds, S. C.

"Success in Life," Carrie B. Kennedy, Nelson, S. C.

"The Kind of Women My People Need," Connie A. Davis, Riverside, S. C.

Sextette, "Merry June."

"The Present Moment and the Future," Maggie E. Honor, Chester, S. C.

"America's Genius," John M. Belton, Rock Hill, S. C.

"He Took it upon Himself," Martha A. Ward, Chester, S. C.

"An Ode to Brainerd," Geneva C. Leeper, King's Mountain, N. C.

Presentation of Diplomas by Mrs. W. T. Larimer.

Class Song.

Awarding of prizes.

Announcement of Grades, etc.

Chorus, "Where Roses Used to Grow."

Benediction.

## MT. LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

By Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard.

A very interesting service was held May 10th at 3 P. M. under the leadership of Mrs. Eva G. Saunders, of Martinsville, who completed the joint school term ending May 10-11th. The public school and the parochial school are united and have been under the instruction of one teacher for the past two years, Mrs. Mamie Jackson, a niece of the late Mrs. Emma Galoway Dickson. At the time of Mrs. Dickson's death, Mrs. Jackson resigned and went to Stuart,

Va., to help with the school there. Mrs. Saunders took up the Mt. Lebanon and Public School work on Horse Pasture District. The program rendered May 10th consisted of anthems and choruses. Prayer by Rev. C. M. Dusenbury, who has charge of the school work there. Four young ladies, who completed the 7th grade work of the school, recited from memory splendid discourses of their own composition. The names of these young ladies and their subjects are as follows: "Self," Miss Pearl Smith; "Unity," Miss Elizabeth Mitchell; "Neglect," Miss Helen Spencer; "Punctuality," Miss Nannie M. Smith. Each speaker showed some special ability in writing her own production and committing it to memory and delivering it as an oration. Choruses, "Hark the Trumpet Ringing Clear," "Ready to Serve the Master Above."

Rev. Dusenbury and Mrs. Saunders had purchased a gold medal to be presented to the one of the class who had been most faithful, punctual and studious in school work. There seemed to have been almost a tie, but the scholar who won the medal was Miss Helen Spencer. Mrs. Eva Saunders explained what was required to win the medal. Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard, of Martinsville, presented the medal with fitting words to the class, and to Miss Spencer who had worthily won the medal.

Dr. W. E. Carr, of Danville, Va., was introduced to the large audience by Rev. C. M. Dusenbury. Dr. Carr in his usual way gave a very timely address suitable to the occasion. He said it was worth while for him to be in Horse Pasture, and Mt. Lebanon

church. He had observed Mothers' Day Program in his church in Danville before leaving in automobile with Rev. Dusenbury for Horse Pasture from 1 o'clock to three o'clock, which was the hour of meeting, and though much afraid of automobiles, he came to answer the call of Mrs. Saunders. He very ably emphasized the importance of having an aim in life. He encouraged the class, who have completed the 7th grade to remember that they are just now prepared to enter school and to continue their aim and purpose. The classmates who did not win the prize are to do their best in life to succeed, and continue to press forward. Study to make yourselves worthy patterns. He encouraged parents to do their best in giving the children an education. He urged parents to give their children time in school, send them to Sunday School and let them become more acquainted with the Bible. Take advantage of every good opportunity to help your children. He also urged them to see after their girls. To the young people and children he said, "Don't try to deceive your parents." He said we want men and women to represent our race. Good leaders are needed in our race and it lies in the training our boys and girls are getting now, whether there will be success or failure.

Dr. Carr's visit was a great pleasure to many who were present who had known him and had seen him at Horse Pasture in previous years.

The Superintendent of Public Schools, Mr. J. W. Wingfield, and family and other white friends of Martinsville were present to witness the whole occasion.

The closing program of Monday evening, May 11, brought a very large crowd of people to witness "Tom Thumb's Wedding," and "Corner Banquet." The whole program was well carried out.

The next duty is Children's Day which will be held June 14, conducted by Mrs. Eva G. Saunders.