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REV. JOHN W. LEE, D. D.

Appointed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A. as a Delegate to the World's Alliance of Reformed Churches Holding the Presbyterian System.

By (Mrs.) Margaret Walton.

A signal honor was conferred on a worthy churchman, the Rev. John W. Lee, A. M., D. D., field representative of the Division of Missions for Colored People, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. The World's Alliance of Reformed Churches met in Cardiff, Wales, England, June 23d to 29th, 1925. Dr. Lee is a graduate of Lincoln University, Theological class of 1899, and began the work of the ministry in a missionary field in Maryland, also supplied for a time the Madison Street church of Baltimore. He was called from Maryland to become the pastor of the First African Presbyterian church of Philadelphia in 1901 and served as pastor of that church for seventeen years very successfully.

A short time ago he was invited to address the Theological Association of Princeton University, on the Race Question, the only colored man to receive this distinction during the existence of this old historic educational institution. The address was on



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During that period he was actively engaged in open-air summer evangelistic services in Philadelphia. This work he directed for seven summers, which created a tidal wave of evangelism among the colored Protestant churches of South Philadelphia and gave opportunity to many worthy students who were preparing for the ministry to earn money to pay their tuition in their respective schools to which they would return in the fall. He was also active in social welfare work, being one of the founders and promoters of the Southwest Branch of the Y. M. C. A. of Philadelphia.

the subject of the "Newly Developing Race Consciousness Among Colored People." This address was widely read throughout the country and favorable comments were made concerning the treatment of this subject.

In 1911 when the million dollar campaign was projected for the Y. M. C. A. work of Philadelphia and no provision had been made for the work of a colored branch, Dr. Lee, with a committee of colored citizens, wrote a vigorous protest to the Public Ledger of Philadelphia, the result of which was an invitation extended to Dr. Lee and the committee to visit the headquarters of the Y. M. C. A. This was seven days after the campaign had been opened. This conference resulted in provision being made for the Colored Branch. A committee of colored citizens was appointed, of which he was chairman, and twenty-two thousand dollars were subscribed by the colored citizens of Philadelphia in the remaining five days of the campaign, and that same committee was three months later instrumental in collecting the first installment, which amounted to \$8,000.

In addition to his field labors Dr. Lee frequently contributes to church papers and magazines articles on church development and race progress. In the past eight years, he has traveled more than 250,000 miles and yet has never lost sight of the agencies that are being promoted in his home city, Philadelphia, for the interest, benefit and progress of the people of his race.

Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW CHURCH INTRODUCED BY EVANGELIST MAYLE IN KENTUCKY.

Dr. Lee was appointed in 1917 as a field representative of the Freedmen's Board of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., now the Division of Missions for Colored People. He therefore, resigned the pastorate of the First African Presbyterian Church, and began the field work for the General Church. During the 8 years he has presented the cause of the colored work of the Presbyterian Church in nearly every state and Synod in the Union, and as a result of his labors 31 new churches and missions have been established among our colored people in different parts of the country, many of which are growing into strong, prosperous churches.

Permit me as one entering the family of the great Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., to report progress from Bowling Green, Ky. Our Synodical Evangelist, Rev. W. W. Mayle, has just closed a very successful revival. It was an evangelistic campaign which attracted the attention of the entire city and community. New members were added and a large number of young people were baptized. The entire membership of the church was quickened with spiritual life and organized into the group system with every member pledged for service, and dedicated to Christ anew.

Beginning in Philadelphia, he has been instrumental in establishing new churches as far south as Washington, D. C., and Charleston, West Virginia; to the southwest as far as Kansas City, Mo., to the middle west, Chicago, Detroit and Omaha, Nebraska, to the northeast as far as Boston and the States of New York and New Jersey. Dr. Lee has spoken for 11 consecutive years in the General Assembly or the General Assembly conferences, which is the highest court of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., on church or racial questions, and is recognized as one of the popular speakers of the Assembly.

So impressed were they with the Spirit-filled messages of Rev. Mayle as a representative of the great Presbyterian Church whose program is so far-reaching that the entire membership decided to make an advanced step. Our church in Bowling Green has always been affiliated with the Colored Cumberland Branch of Presbyterianism. Since the churches are practically one in polity and government, and since consolidation and organization is the slogan of the hour, a group of people here have unanimously decided to enter the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

The church will bring into the Lincoln Presbytery a communicant membership of about one hundred people with a valuable modern edifice. We ask the prayers of all.
WM. NELSON, Elder.

HERE AND THERE IN SO. VA. PRESBYTERY.

By S. L. Young, Sabbath School Missionary.

During the past quarter we have visited and labored in several counties. In Henry Co. we reorganized one school in Live Oak, Va., planned for a D. V. B. S. at Holmes Memorial, Mt. Lebanon and Trinity Presbyterian churches; held workers' conferences in several of our schools. Two of our schools have observed Children's Day and others are planning to do so very soon.

Mrs. Ethel Ramey, of Holmes Memorial church, is the Superintendent of the largest cradle roll in the Central District Convention. She has some 28 or more babies on roll. Grassy Creek Mission has completed another room to the old building which makes it large enough to hold a hundred people, and under Mrs. Walker's administration as Superintendent, is doing splendid work.

At the beginning of the quarter, we organized a mission at Paw Paw, N. C., in Rockingham Co., a community in which no Sunday School has been established for many years. There were thirty scholars present and a young lady of about sixteen accepted the superintendency of the school and she walks three miles to lead and instruct this Sunday school. They have planned to have their first Children's Day on July the 28th.

Moyertown Mission, a school organized about two years ago in Rockingham Co., is still alive and by the spiritual attention given by Rev. W. M. Fowlkes, Moderator of the Southern Va. Presbytery, we hope soon to have a well organized church.

Springfield Presbyterian church, of which Rev. W. M. Fowlkes is pastor, and his wife, Mrs. Fowlkes, is Superintendent, is moving on nicely with a group of teachers who can always be depended upon to be at their tasks.

In Patrick County we found Rev. C. M. Dusenbury, pastor of Cumberland church, Stuart, Va., and a group of very loyal church members; also the husband of Mrs. Emma G. Dickson, who labored for the work. Mr. Dickson is an elder in the church and superintendent of the Sunday school. We organized a Young People's Junior C. E. Society here and Miss Augusta Liggins will look after the Society.

Our little mission at Red Hollow, Va., is still alive, and Bro. W. M. Anglin has quite a number of young people at work for Christ.

We have held several executive meetings. One at Trinity church, Ridgeway, Va., another at Chatham, Va., in Clarktown church. They were very well attended and quite a constructive program was arranged. Rev. F. C. Shirley was present at both and gave many helpful ideas. From Chatham we went to Whitwell, Va., to organize a D. V. B. S. under the direction of Mr. Willie Griggs, Superintendent of Sunday school. We spent several days and left for Lynchburg, Campbell Co. Here our pastor, Rev. J. Metz Rollins, is laboring hard to advance the cause of Christ and the church. He has his hands on the young people of the church, and is much beloved by his members. There were fifteen out to prayer-meeting.

In Halifax Co., Rev. A. Kendrick, at Mizpah church, South Boston, made some improvements which add greatly to the church edifice. The church has purchased a beautiful piano. His faithful wife is very active in the church and community. We thank Misses Neal, Leathers, White, Ragland, and Rev. Kendrick for their donations to the Board of National Missions.

In Charlotte Co. we arrived at Saxe's Station, Va., and walked four miles out to our mission point at Randolph, Va.,

and held a conference with the officers of the Sunday school, Elder D. S. Jackson, Superintendent of the Sunday school, with the ladies of the missionary Society, gave an entertainment on Saturday night.

On Sunday morning they had a rally and Rev. W. M. Fowlkes preached for them. They raised a very nice sum for the remodeling of the church.

After beating the dust on foot for several miles we reached our friend, Rev. L. M. Onque, and wife at Drake's Branch, Va. On Sunday morning we visited the Sunday school and found it to be among the best in the Presbytery. This Sabbath was set apart for a vocational exercise. It was very largely attended. Although a Union was in session a block around the corner, all three services were well attended.

In the morning Mr. Hodge, a young man, was found at his post of duty, as Superintendent of the Sunday school. A well organized school was to be seen here. Rev. Onque has the young people of his church well organized, and has one of the best organized classes of young people we have seen in any Sunday school. The morning service is one which will be long remembered there. The pastor's text was found in Joshua 24:15, "Choose ye this day whom ye will serve." And every man decided the way his soul should go. Among some of the things said were that decision days are great days, and youth is the great decision time of life in religion. Speaking of ideals and vocations he said, no boy or girl can be greater than his or her ideal. At the close of the service a young lady united with the church.

A seven o'clock C. E. Society rendered a special vocational program. Special music was rendered, selections recited, and the Young Men's Quartet rendered special music. A mission story was dramatized. Two of the members of the society played—one the new piano recently purchased, the other the pipe-toned organ. Six dollars was raised, after which nine young people came to the rostrum, and the dedication address and prayer were delivered by the missionary. Words of inspiration and encouragement were given by Rev. and Mrs. Onque. May God bless their efforts. We ask your prayers in the great vineyard of the Master.

TRINITY AT MAYESVILLE, S. C.

The Trinity Presbyterian church at Mayesville, S. C., of which Rev. I. P. Pogue is pastor, is making rapid strides in its development. This is due mainly to the untiring efforts being put forth and the splendid character of the Rev. Mr. Pogue, whose evangelistic messages are consecrating the whole of Sumter county to the service of Christ. The exceptional quality of Rev. Mr. Pogue's service as a preacher and pastor of the entire county is obvious even to the smallest child who can call his name. He is termed "the young man's friend." All these fine qualities with those of his lovely wife and family are the reasons for the advancement of the church of God in this part of the moral vineyard.

Further was observed the fine corps of officers in the church composed of men who seemingly have the church at heart as did the Church fathers of old. This church has eight elders and an adequate number of deacons and trustees to look after the business of the church. Could one unawares enter the services on any preaching Sunday and hear the strains of the old familiar hymns of Zion, he would be seemingly waited above the level of this plain into the presence of a heavenly host. The Sunday School of Christian Endeavor and Missionary

Society are active in every way. Like Trinity, so is Bethlehem Second at Oswego, S. C., another point of interest for Presbyterians. Rev. Mr. Pogue is bound to these churches by a tie that can not be severed without the outburst of broken hearts not easily comforted.

The fine spirit of Presbyterianism permeating the churches in this section is very noticeable as one enters them and observes the attendance in comparison with that at other Presbyterian churches in different sections of our country. Go down in Sumter County around Goodwill, Sumter Second, Melina, Congruity, Westminster, Beulah, St. Charles, Oswego and to Trinity at Mayesville, the hotbed of Presbyterianism in the Southland, and feel at home.

A RECENT VISITOR.

MRS. CREOLA MEANS HEMPHILL.

The Sabbath School of this the Seventh Street Presbyterian church mourns with deep grief the passing away of her who endeared herself to all its members.

Today, touched with profound sorrow, paused from its regular routine and ordered this expression, to join in offering its tribute of respect to the memory of her in whose honor these services are held today. When one has deserved well, has honestly and faithfully worked for the interest of her church in all its departments, has laboriously and conscientiously performed the duties of every office assigned to her, it is fitting that we place on a perpetual record our testimonial of respect, affection and esteem.

This Sabbath school and church, in this last service for Mrs. Creola Hemphill, feel that it is a service which our deceased friend well merited and that we can perform it not as a mere matter of custom or form of duty, but because her pleasant and genial disposition, her kindness of heart, her integrity of character and her industry and faithfulness in the discharge of duty rendered it for her a just due, and for us a consolation and sad pleasure that we can honestly bestow.

Creola Means as a child grew up in the Sunday school of this church, was regular in her attendance and always active to plan and work for the church and Sunday school.

In her young womanhood she began playing for the Sunday school on the request of the Sabbath school Superintendent. She stuck to her post and developed into a fine pianist and organist. She was at her post at all times and without complaints, as trainer of the small children, a willing worker and an expert.

A Teacher in the Sabbath School Mrs. Hemphill, until a short while ago, aside from being pianist, held a class in the Sabbath school and did acceptable work in both capacities. After becoming the mistress of a home, her church work was not interfered with in the least. Prompt, unobtrusive and regular without complaint was her service.

The Sabbath school and church appreciated her services. The Superintendent of the Sabbath school often and repeatedly told her so. Yea, two Sabbaths ago—her last Sabbath at church.

As a Sabbath school we can only say, "Thy will be done," and pray that He may give us the desired comfort at this time and fill the place of Mrs. Creola Hemphill in the church and Sabbath school.

Respectfully,
Your Committee,
DR. J. D. MARTIN,
MR. HALLIE Q. MAYBER,
MR. PAUL RICHARDSON.

C. S. C. & S. M. NOTES

(From the Office of the Dean.)

Last week we featured in our notes the members of the 1925 School of Methods faculty, who are connected with the Headquarters Staff of the Board of National Missions.

Five other members are field representatives of various phases of the work of the Church at large. They are: Dr. A. B. McCoy, Dr. G. J. Baker, Miss Theodora Percival, Rev. J. B. Barber and Frank C. Shirley. These workers need no special introduction, as they are well known in their respective lines of endeavor.

The other eight members have been selected from various sections of the Synod of Catawba, and have been selected because of their special fitness to handle the subjects that have been assigned to them.

They are Dr. C. A. Ward, pastor of Carver Memorial church, Newport News, Va.; Dr. C. H. Shute, Librarian of Johnson C. Smith University; Rev. J. E. McMillan, pastor of Blandonia church, Sanford, N. C.; Mrs. G. C. Shaw, Mary Potter School, Oxford; Dr. J. D. Martin, of J. C. Smith University; Rev. A. H. George, pastor of Calvary church, Wilson, N. C.; Prof. L. S. Cozart, Oxford, N. C.; and Dr. T. A. Long, Director of Music. Would you love to know more about: 1. Boys and Girls; 2. The Church and the Sunday school; 3. Jesus Christ and the Bible? Then come to the Catawba Synodical Convention and School of Methods, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 24-30, 1925.

LEXINGTON

Sunday-Side Notes.

The hot weather is very trying to church goers, but the devil never takes a vacation, and in order that the church may keep up to its spiritual ideal it cannot close its doors. During the early part of June we listened to two powerful sermons by Rev. W. C. Hargrave, D. D., of Dandridge, Tenn. The text for one of these sermons was Eph. 5:18: "Be filled with the Spirit." The speaker urged every one to be filled with the Holy Spirit and not the many evil spirits around us. Rev. Hargrave is one of the home boys, and has been laboring in another field for more than twenty years. The Lord has blessed the work of his hands, and he has been instrumental in organizing a new church, and in building two church edifices. One, a beautiful brick church that is near completion, cost about \$6,000. But best of all he has been instrumental in saving boys and girls for Christ. His many friends in Lexington were glad to be able once more to hear his voice and shake his hand. May the Lord continue to bless you, Walter, in your work, is the wish of your friends.

Rev. Anderson was called to his former home in Kentucky recently on account of the death of his brother. Our sympathy goes out to him.

The captains of the different clubs are working and looking forward to the rally, the 4th Sunday in July. While some of our members go others come. We were glad to welcome home for the summer Miss M. B. Sullivan from the St. Paul School in Virginia; Mrs. M. E. Barnes from Mary Potter School, of Oxford, and Miss Ida Thomas, of Durham.

All of these are faithful workers in the Missionary Society. Little Miss Ethel Crump, daughter of Mrs. Carrie Hargrave, one of our faithful missionary sisters, celebrated her seventh birthday with a little party for her friends. The children had a delightful time and presented Ethel with a nice little sum for a bank account.