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WHERE TO SEND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE BOARDS.

It has been observed that there are some church officials whose duty it is to send to the Boards the money contributed by their churches, who, since the consolidation of the Boards, do not know where and to whom to send it. Not long since we received a long distance telephone call from a church officer inquiring as to the Board to whom he should send the money raised by his church for the Boards. At the meeting of one of our Presbyteries last year it was brought out that for lack of proper information some of the churches had forwarded their contributions to the wrong place.

Contributions for all the Boards may be mailed to the Central Receiving Agency through Dr. W. R. Patterson, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City, or the contributions may be divided by the churches and a certain percentage sent to each Board as follows: That for the Board of National Missions, to Mr. Varian Banks, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City; Board of Foreign Missions to Mr. Russell N. Carter, 156 Fifth Avenue, New York City; Board of Christian Education to Mr. E. R. Sterrett, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.; Board of Ministerial Relief and Sustentation to Dr. John H. Gross, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

PUBLIC WELFARE INSTITUTE.

Programs and announcements are out for the Public Welfare Institute under the direction of the North Carolina State Board of Charities and Public Welfare Bureau of Work Among Negroes, to be held at Winston-Salem, Jan. 13-15. The announcement reads that this institute is made possible by the "Laura Spelman-Rockefeller Memorial Fund. The program announces the following faculty: Mrs. Kate Burr Johnson, State Commissioner of Public Welfare; Miss Lily E. Mitchell, Director Laura Spelman-Rockefeller Memorial Demonstration; Dr. H. W. Crane, State Board of Health; Mr. A. W. Cline, Superintendent Public Welfare Forsyth County, and Lieutenant Lawrence A. Oxley, Director of Work Among Negroes.

The members of the Advisory Committee for Work Among Negroes are named as follows: Dr. O. L. Miller, Asheville; Prof. J. A. Bias, Elizabeth City; Rev. A. Myron Cochran, Raleigh; Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, Sedalia; Mrs. H. L. McCrorey,

Charlotte; Prof. S. G. Atkins, Winston-Salem.

Two full days of work will doubtless prove interesting and helpful to those who attend. This is a new and much needed work for Negroes in the State or North Carolina and those who have made this institute possible are to be commended for their efforts.

THE NEW YEAR

On beginning the New Year we want to thank the friends who contributed to the success of this paper and our new plant during 1925, and to ask the continuation of their support in the New Year before us. We renew our pledge to give "the freshest and best news from our Southern field and from the Church at large." With the blessing of God and the co-operation of our friends we hope to make the paper increasingly interesting and helpful as the year goes by.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS TO YADKIN PRESBYTERIAL.

As we enter the new year with new resolutions and higher aims may we remember our pledges to those less fortunate than we. Though we are entering the new year, we are nearing the end of our Presbyterian year, and I am reminded that our local societies have not come up with their apportionments to the Boards.

The General Assembly has designated the month of January as Foreign Missions month, and, of course, the whole month has been set aside as a time when we shall be particularly thinking of and praying for Foreign Missions. May I remind you that a billion, one hundred million in non-Christian lands have never heard of Christ and that our Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions is responsible for one hundred million of those souls? The Board is attempting to reach them through 1589 missionaries in 15 countries, 6612 churches and organized groups, 85 hospitals, 116 dispensaries, 2711 colleges and schools. We have the support of these and should be proud of the responsibility. Let us think of our apportionment, not as a burden, but as a God-given opportunity to serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

I hope all societies in the Yadkin Presbyterial will rally to the call and send in their apportionments so that others will not be made to suffer. All societies, Y. P. organizations, Guilds and children's organizations, send pledges to the Presbyterial Treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Donnell, Mebane, N. C.

MRS. E. B. MEARES, President Yadkin Presbyterial.

A TOPIC FOR PRAYER.

Mr. Editor: Please allow me to say through your paper that I have just received a list of 31 "Topics for Daily Individual Use," beginning with January, 1, 1926. Among these I find myself especially interested in the eleventh, which is asking for prayer that many of our young people may offer their lives for missionary service. At once it occurred to my mind how appropriately may be added to this the injunction of our dear Saviour as found in Luke 10:2, "Pray ye, therefore, the Lord of the harvest that he would send forth laborers into his harvest." There is no better medium through which such can be done, for He only knows the hearts and consciences of mankind, and can make no mistake in His choice. We should highly appreciate such a privilege and be often at His feet, making earnest pleas that our request be granted, and especially when we look over our field of ministerial labor and see so many vacant churches and a likelihood of the number being increased on account of the fact that several others will soon be left so, as time, labor and age will take from duty to reward, many who are now serving them.

Just a word respecting the Africo-American Presbyterian. There was a time when many excused themselves from taking this paper on the ground that it did not contain interesting reading. I feel, for one, that I

can say that day has passed. It seems a little singular that the subscriptions to this paper are not much larger, and especially among people who can read well. It may be with some others as with myself. I can get promises, but few subscriptions. It is true that there are not many on the field that I now serve that can read well, but this does not cause me to cease my effort in trying to get subscriptions.

B. F. RUSSELL, Blackstock, S. C.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT JOHN-SON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

Christmas day will not soon be forgotten by those of the school family who did not go home or elsewhere to spend the holidays—about 100 in all. In keeping with an effort made by Mrs. H. L. McCrorey for the past five years to cheer and brighten Christmas day for the school family, the school dining room at breakfast time was a scene of genuine Christmas cheer and good will. The Young Men's Christian Association, represented by its committee, Messrs. E. A. Armstrong, A. H. Prince and Paul Adams, was in charge. A few days before, Mr. Armstrong, the President, had announced that we were not to be disappointed this year, for, as in the past, the Christmas tree would be present to extend greetings on Christmas morning. The committee had put up and had decorated a tall tree cut from our tract of beautiful pine trees. There it stood in the center with Christmas boxes piled up high on the table under it; boxes of apples and oranges on the floor; and on the other side of the table were joy bags of red, green, pink and white net full of raisins, molasses-taffy, kisses and red gum drops.

An appropriate exercise, under the direction of Prof. Bryant, was conducted by Mr. Armstrong. The voices of the young men rang out joyously in Christmas carols, and several Christmas poems were read. Mrs. McCrorey told of how a few interested friends had made it possible for "this little bit of Christmas cheer" for those of our school family who were the "left-overs" from those who had gone home. Then she, Mrs. Spaulding and Prof. Bryant passed around the Christmas goodies—two apples, two oranges and a joy-bag for each one.

Then the Y. M. C. A. committee proceeded in the regular old time Christmas-tree fashion to call out the names of each one present. He walked up for his gift done up nicely in a real Christmas box. In each of one half of the boxes were a pretty silk tie and a linen handkerchief; in each of the other half were a pair of silk fiber hose and a linen handkerchief.

Good cheer and good will of student and teacher comradeship reigned; the real Christmas spirit was there. Mr. Squire arose to express in choice words the gratitude of all. The happy group of young men stood up amid their own applause. They left the dining room in happy anticipation of returning at 2 o'clock to partake of the sumptuous Christmas dinner which was provided for them by their beloved benefactress, Mrs. Johnson C. Smith.

One of the finest things of our Christmas happenings was the ready and generous response made by the student body and some of the members of the faculty to the request by Mrs. McCrorey at chapel hour the morning before the holidays began for gifts to cheer and brighten the prisoners in the county and city jails and the old, afflicted men and women in the County Home. Enough money was given to buy two pairs of good cotton hose for each prisoner and each inmate of the county home—81 persons in all.

The Priscilla Needle Club, made up of several of the ladies in the community, gave \$5 towards the gifts for the County Home.

Mrs. J. H. Perrin, Mrs. James McKnight, Mrs. S. E. Davison and Mrs. Reese, ladies in the city, also supplemented the gifts with fruit for each person reached, and with a small amount of money for each of the old folks. These ladies, in

company with Dr. and Mrs. McCrorey and the Y. M. C. A., represented by Mrs. G. T. Butler, carried the simple gifts with a word of good cheer to each person in the jails and County Home.

RABBI WISE

A Polyphonic Prose Poem, By Rev. Yorke Jones, D. D., Author of "Gold and Incense," Dean of the School of Theology, Johnson C. Smith University.

I
A great Jew is Rabbi Wise.
Hath any other race save Israel Given birth to so many one-name
Meal True, yesteryear, men had only

One name, as Socrates, Plato, Homer. In the Book, are how many, many Great one-named men—great Jews: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David! No need, so these men glorified Their one-name, no need to ask: "What Job" or "Moses" or "Samuel?"

II
Dr. Joseph Klausner, in Hebrew, wrote a book, Refuting Jewish writers who aver: Jesus never lived. He is a myth. Approving Dr. Klausner, Rabbi Wise Averred: "Jesus is no myth! He was a great Jewish Teacher! We Jews ought to accept Jesus As a great Jewish Teacher." Rabbi Wise in so averring Smote a hornets' nest! About him, how the hornets Did buzz and sting!—Jews All over the land stung Rabbi Wise. "Thou art traitor to Israel!" "Thou hast turned Christian!" "Come down from thy throne of might— Thy throne of leaders high of Jacob!"

III
Rabbi Wise fought the hornets. Averred he: "Jesus is no myth! But He is only man!"

IV
Ah! Rabbi Wise! Rabbi Wise! Why should Israel give credence To Jesus a Jewish Teacher, If Jesus is only a man? If Jesus is only a man, What blasphemy for Him to say: "Come unto me all ye that labor And are heavy laden And I will give you rest? "As Moses lifted up the serpent In the wilderness, even so must The Son of Man be lifted up; That whosoever believeth on Him Should not perish, But have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son Into the world to condemn the world; But that the world through Him Might be saved."

Who but God can claim to give rest By forgiving sin as Jesus forgave? How is Jesus worthy of credence If He be not what He claims— If He be not the Son of Man lifted up,

To die for sin, so that He can say: "Come unto me all ye that labor And are heavy laden And—I, I will give you rest?"

V
Right art thou, Rabbi Wise! Jesus is no myth, but is more than man! He is a great Jewish Teacher; But O, infinitely more! He is the fulfillment of prophecies and hopes

Of these great one-named Jews: Abraham, Jacob, Joseph, Moses, David and Isaiah!

But yesteryear, official Israel, in blind unbelief, rejected Him! And alas! poor, poor, blind, Unbelieving Israel until this hour!

DR. BRODIE PRESIDENT OF MINISTERS.

Rev. F. L. Brodie, D. D., pastor of the Brooklyn Presbyterian church, was elected President of the Colored Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance at a meeting of that body held at the Friendship Baptist church Monday morning.

Other officers elected were: Rev. S. J. Howie, B. D., pastor of Little Rock A. M. E. Zion church, Vice-President; Rev. H. M. Smith, pastor of the First Baptist church, recording secretary; Rev. L. B. West, pastor of the Bidleville Presbyterian church, corresponding secretary, and Rev. W. M. Wells, pastor of Simpson Methodist Episcopal church, treasurer.

Preparing for the observance of Inter-racial Sunday, as arranged by the Federal Council of Churches, Rev. B. K. Mason, Rev. F. L. Brodie and Rev. L. B. West were appointed to serve as an inter-racial committee.

Bishop W. J. Walls addressed the meeting on the problems of the ministry.

DISTRICT COMMITTEE OF WOMAN'S BOARD MEETS

By Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard, Martinsville, Va.

The District Committee of the Woman's Board of National and Foreign Missions of the Southern District, met Dec. 9-10, in St. Louis, Mo. The sessions, luncheon and banquet were held in the Y. W. C. A., on Locust St. The two days' and evenings' meetings were full of information and instruction. Twelve of the 14 Synodicals were represented. Miss Gertrude Schultz, representing the New York office, 156 Fifth Avenue, of both National and Foreign Missions, brought greetings to the Southern District, and the budgets and apportionments made by the General Council of the General Assembly, December, 1925.

The Church's budget for 1926-1927 is \$10,812,000; Women's and Young People's Work, \$2,688,000. Total, \$13,500,000. This is the actual obligation of the Presbyterian Church. The need for expansion work is \$2,000,000, making a sum total of \$15,000,000. The apportionments are as follows:

42 per cent, National Missions.

32 and one-half per cent, Foreign Missions.

14 and one-half per cent, Christian Education.

10 and one-half per cent, Ministerial Relief.

The Southern District apportionments are:

	National	Foreign	Total
Fla.	2,500	1,900	3,400
Ala.	2,250	2,200	4,450
Ark.	2,300	2,200	4,500
Atlantic	800	350	1,150
Canadian	200	20	220
Catawba	1,675	550	2,225
E. Tenn.	300	200	500
Kan.	28,500	27,500	56,000
Ky.	8,700	8,100	16,800
Miss.	975	950	1,925
Mo.	39,500	39,000	78,500
Okla.	11,500	11,000	22,500
Tenn.	12,500	11,500	24,000
Texas	15,000	14,500	29,500

Catawba Synodical Apportionments for 1926-1927. Foreign Missions

	Total Apportionment	Total Auxiliaries and Y. W. Apportionment	W. G.	C. E. Sr. and Y. P.	Children	Total Young People's Apportionment
Catawba Synodical	\$550	\$502	\$5	\$39	\$4	\$48
Cape Fear	85	76		9		9
Catawba	181	168	5	8		13
So. Virginia	127	112		11		15
Yadkin	157	146		11		11

AMERICAN NEGROES ENTERING A NEW DAY.

(Continued from Page 1) deeply religious nature, also, is being unfolded.

Not only is it the churches that report religious progress. Hopeful words come also from organizations which do religious work among the colored people. The Y. M. C. A. now reports a Negro membership of more than 32,000; 415,000 persons participated in association activities during the year. Religious meetings drew an attendance of 457,000, a gain of nearly 100,000 over the preceding year. Among the sixty-eight cities in the United States with more than 100,000 people, thirty have colored Y. M. C. A. organizations. Never has the interracial situation in the United States appeared more promising than it is today. Not only is the progress of the Negroes, brought about by their own devotion, energy and sacrifice and by the active cooperation of an important part of the white population, winning them an important place in American life, but there is a better understanding, with more tolerance and heartier cooperation between the races.—The Continent.

Judge Robert H. Terrell died December 20th at his residence in Washington, D. C., following a long illness. Judge Terrell had been on the municipal court bench in Washington for twenty years and had won great respect by his legal learning and judicial bearing. His career as a citizen and jurist reflected credit upon the Negro.

Total National Missions \$126,700
Total Foreign Missions \$119,970
Grand Total \$246,670

We are asked to think of this as God's gift to us in stewardship, and strive to work out the great plans and problems of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

We are glad to report that of the 41 Synodical societies, two—California and Catawba, were fortunate in raising their full apportionments for 1924-1925. We are very anxious about the present year which has one quarter left, ending the year with March 31, 1926. We do hope it will be our pleasure to go "over the top" by "Lifting the Level."

Mrs. A. A. Jones, Mrs. H. M. Brazelton and Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard were entertained by Rev. S. W. Parr and his Elder, Mr. Wm. Mitchell, and other friends while in St. Louis, Mo.

NATIONAL MISSIONS

Catawba Synodical Society, 1926-1927, Apportionments.

The following apportionments are based upon the budget of \$1,344,000 granted by the General Council of the General Assembly, Dec., 1925, for the work for which the Woman's and Young People's Missionary organizations are responsible under the Division of Schools and Hospitals and the Division of Missions for Colored People of the Board of National Missions.

Summary

Current Work:	
Support of Missionaries	\$ 400
Scholarships	415
Designated objects and contributions of Young People's Societies	115
Westminster Guilds	5
Bands, Jr., and Int. C. E. Societies	5
General Fund	735
Total	\$1,675

GREENSBORO, N. C., JAN.—

Mrs. L. Richardson, of this city, has offered to donate \$50,000 for the establishment here of a hospital for colored people, contingent upon the city of Greensboro and the County of Guilford providing maintenance. It is said that the city officials have agreed as to the city's share. The county board of commissioners will take the matter up at an early date. Mrs. Sternberger, of this city, gave ten thousand dollars for laboratory equipment. The colored group will raise \$10,000 for beds and other equipment.

INTERRACIAL MEETING BEARS FRUIT.

Louisville, Ky., Jan. 1.—The discussions at the State interracial meeting held here a few days ago are already bearing fruit in opening to colored physicians the opportunity to study offered by hospital clinics. Dr. James Bruce, eminent child specialist of this city, has issued a cordial invitation to the colored physicians to attend his clinic at the Children's Hospital every Monday. The announcement was made through Mrs. Helm Bruce, a member of the State and local interracial committees and one of the city's most prominent women.

We regret that several interesting articles reached us too late to appear in this week's paper.

The number of lynchings in this country in 1925 was 16, the same as in 1924.