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THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

A notice of the Annual Conference of Workers under the auspices of Division of Missions for Colored People, of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., is published in this issue.

These Conferences have accomplished much in the past for the colored Presbyterian work in the South, and it is hoped that there will be a large attendance at the approaching Conference at Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C. Those who attend these Conferences are mutually benefitted by learning each from the other the successes and failures on the field and the various methods employed in securing results.

The reading and discussion of papers prepared on various lines of church and school work furnish valuable information which workers may use to great advantage on their various fields of labor.

The workers on these occasions are also greatly inspired and otherwise helped by the presence and messages of Dr. Gaston and others from headquarters, who, because of their positions, are able to give a broader outlook of the work on the field as a whole than others.

THE CHURCH AND SOCIETY

(Dr. S. M. Cavert in Federal Council Bulletin.)

We are living today in a world in which industry is often a scene of strife, in which capital and labor, instead of consciously cooperating to serve the common good, line up against each other in a struggle to grab as much as each can for itself. It is a world torn also by racial prejudices and ill-will, so that in our own land in the last thirty-five years there have been over 4,000 men, mostly black men, who have met violent death by lynching mobs. And it is a world all but shattered by universal war and yet with nation still arming against nation and organizing our international life, in the main, on a basis from which war will arise inevitably as fever from an undrained swamp. With such un-Christian elements in our civilization the Church must grapple and set itself to refashioning our social life according to the mind of Christ.

The Church has in our day been passing through an expansion of its thinking, which the historian of the future may look back upon as having been almost as creative and epochal as the period of the Protestant Reformation. We have been discovering—or, rather, recov-

ering—the social meaning of Christianity. We have come to think of the Kingdom of God as something that is to be established on the earth, not in some far-off realm beyond the sky.

How the contrast is set before us in the lives of two Englishmen of the last century who were almost exact contemporaries—Cardinal Newman and John Bright. Newman, passing through his long period of doubt, writes in his "Apologia": "The one question that haunts me day and night is this—if I should die tonight, would I be safe?" And John Bright at the same time was saying that the question which stayed with him incessantly was this: "What can I do to secure the repeal of the Corn Laws, which are causing so much injustice and suffering to the poor of England?" In his day, such a question was not thought of as having anything to do with salvation. In our day, we are beginning to see that every such question is a concern of the Church, because no man can be wholly saved, in the full Christian sense, apart from the salvation of the society in which he lives.

It is still true, of course, that when the Church seriously comes to grips with throbbing social issues, many will say, "Let the Church stick to preaching the gospel." But to day more and more thoughtful Christians would reply: "Right! By all means let the Church stick to preaching the Gospel, but let it be the whole Gospel." Which preaches the Gospel most—a Church which is content to declare what Christianity means in terms of personal piety alone or a Church that searches the conscience as to what Christianity means for every phase of our social life?

ANNUAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

The Annual Workers' Conference is to be held at Brainerd Institute, Chester, South Carolina, February 2, 3, 4, and 5, beginning Tuesday noon.

J. M. GASTON,
Secretary and Assistant Treasurer.
Pittsburgh, Pa., Jan. 8.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

In order that accommodations for entertainment may be made, all workers under the National Board of Missions who expect to attend the Workers' Conference which meets in Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C., February 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th, will please promptly notify,

JOHN S. MARQUIS,
Principal.

N. A. A. C. P. HOLDS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING.

New York.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People held its annual meeting on Monday, January 4th, reelecting its same board of directors, to which was added the name of John E. Naill, prominent real estate operator of Harlem.

The directors reelected were: Jane Addams and Dr. Charles E. Bentley, of Chicago; Senator Arthur Capper, of Kansas; Robert R. Church, of Memphis; Charles E. Russell, of Washington; Maggie L. Walker, of Richmond; and from New York City the following: Rev. Hutchens C. Bishop, Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, editor of the Crisis; Florence Kelly, Secretary of the National Consumers' League; Mary White Ovington and Herbert K. Stockton.

REV. J. M. ROLLINS GOES TO NEWPORT NEWS.

Rev. J. M. Rollins has accepted a call to Carver Memorial church, Newport News, Va. Just about one and a half years ago, Rev. J. Metz Rollis came to take charge of Central Presbyterian church of this city. At that time he had only recently completed his theological studies at Lincoln University.

His services to the church were earnest and faithful—he seemingly tried to put himself wholly and fully into his work. Several members were added to the church during his pastorate, and his idea of a junior

choir brought together a number of sweet young voices.

Rev. Rollins was popular with the entire membership, the youngest of whom is Deacon Barksdale's son who bears a part of the pastor's name, and it was with no small degree of sorrow that we learned that we were to lose our popular young minister even though we feel that our loss is Carver Memorial's gain.

Although only recently come to us, Mrs. Rollins has been a substantial asset to the church by her loving services, and the public school of the city is at a loss to find some one to serve in the place she has so creditably filled for so long a time. While we loathe to give her and her husband up, our prayers go with them to their new field of labor and we pray for them God's richest blessings and their immediate success.

A MEMBER.

RATTLE-LINDSAY NUP-TIALS.

Washington, D. C.—At high noon, December 30th, 1925, Dr. J. E. Rattley, of Washington, D. C., and Mrs. Nettie B. Lindsay, of Charlotte, N. C., were quietly married in the presence of a few friends at the home of Captain and Mrs. John Edgar Smith, 1812, 9th Street, N. W.

Mrs. Lindsay arrived in the city at 8 o'clock A. M., December 30th. For the happy occasion she was gracefully gowned in a gray back satin crepe with hand embroidered coral trimmings, an artistic gray and coral hat, gloves, etc., to match. She wore a beautiful bouquet of lilies of the valley and maiden hair ferns, the gift of the groom, Dr. Rattley wore the conventional black. Mrs. Nettie Kelsey-Scott, as matron of honor, was attired in a pretty shade of blue silk crepe, with georgette trimmings. Dr. B. F. Scott was best man.

Lohengrin's Wedding March—(Wagner) was played by Miss Mary A. Morton as the couple descended the stairs to the parlor. Soft strains of music were played during the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. H. W. Campbell. The ring ceremony was used. The marriage was very pretty and interesting.

Dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Astrea C. Campbell who acted as hostess for the occasion.

In the afternoon Dr. and Mrs. Rattley were entertained at dinner by Mrs. Edna Rattley-Jones and Mr. Joseph Rattley, daughter and son of Dr. Rattley. The guests present at the marriage were: Miss Mary A. Morton, Mrs. Lucy A. Turner, Mrs. Lillian Parker, Mrs. Henry Buckner, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Scott, Mrs. Annie Hylton, Mrs. M. J. Harvey, Mrs. Astrea Campbell, Mrs. Annie C. Smith, Mrs. Edna R. Jones, Miss Edith Chandler, and Mr. Joseph B. Rattley.

HARBISON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE NOTES.

By Mrs. A. P. Butler

Harbison reopened its doors January 4, after the Christmas holidays, with all the members of the faculty present and all the students, with a few exception. All reported a pleasant time.

Friday, January 1, was Emancipation Day. Quite a large crowd assembled in the College Chapel to hear Dean Thompson, of Allen University, who made the address which replete with logic and sense.

Dr. J. S. Williams and his family, of Seneca, S. C., spent a few hours on the campus during the holidays.

Prof. C. W. Jones and family, of Newberry, S. C., spent Christmas Day with Prof. and Mrs. Reasoner.

Communion was administered at our church Sunday, January 3. Rev. Porter took as his text Exodus 35:26, "Who is on the Lord's side?"

The faculty was delightfully entertained by Prof. and Mrs. J. G. Porter Monday evening, January 4. A pleasant feature of the evening was the discussion of social questions which had been given to each one by the hostess. After this a dainty repast was served, consisting of the following: chicken salad and crackers, cream and cake, cocoa, coffee and mints.

The "pie" was cut and each received a beautiful present. We were pleased to have with us our evangelist, Rev. J. E. Jackson.

The Week of Prayer began Monday evening. The Y. M. C. A. conducted the prayer service and Rev. Jackson preached a series of soul-stirring sermons. Much interest was manifested in these meetings and several young men took a stand for Christ.

Mr. Henry Coleman, one of the first members of the Irmo Presbyterian church, was buried December 31. The funeral service was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Dr. C. M. Young.

Mrs. Butler was hostess to the Ladies' Missionary Society Friday afternoon.

WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Washington.—New Zealand was the first nation which extended woman suffrage in 1893. The other nations since that time, with the dates of enfranchisement, are as follows: Australia, 1902; Norway and Iceland, 1913; Denmark, 1915; Finland and Russia, 1917; Canada, Great Britain and Austria, 1918; Germany, Belgium, Netherlands and Poland, 1919; United States and Czechoslovakia, 1920; Sweden, 1921; and Turkey, 1923.

DEATH OF A FAITHFUL MINISTER.

Rev. Chas. Virgil Ramseur, was born in Lincolnton, N. C., in 1870, and died in Charlotte, January 8, 1926, age 56 years. He was a son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Virgil Ramseur. He was married at an early age to Miss Fannie Gillespie, of Cleveland County, and they lived happily together for 35 years, Mrs. Ramseur passing away on December 22nd, 1924.

Rev. Ramseur was married a second time to Miss Ledia Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Johnson, of Belmont, N. C., who survives him.

Rev. Ramseur became a Christian in his youth and was a member and minister of the A. M. E. Zion Church. He was always full of energy and zeal. He was a living dynamo and carried life and good cheer wherever he went. He was the leading spirit in a large family of 19 brothers and sisters and was looked upon as the hero and defender of that family.

He was a member of the Western North Carolina Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, and served several churches acceptably in that denomination. At the time of his death he was pastor of Mowing Glade A. M. E. Zion church. In the churches that he served and the conferences that he attended Rev. Ramseur carried the same bundle of energy and good cheer. He always had a smile and a note of encouragement with him. He loved his Church. He loved his home. He loved his people. He was a man of prayer and great faith in his God. He was a faithful preacher of the unsearchable riches of Christ.

On Saturday, January 2nd, Rev. Ramseur went to his work at Mowing Glade, returning Sunday evening about 6:30. About 1 o'clock Monday morning Mrs. Ramseur was aroused from sleep by hearing him groan and asked if he was ill. He said, "No, I am just tired, and worry has come down on me." He was in and out of bed all of Monday, and Tuesday consented to have the doctor. He grew worse every day and died at 1:25 Friday morning.

Rev. Ramseur did not have great educational advantages, but sought always to improve on what he had. He entered the Theological Department of Johnson C. Smith University and after three years of study received a certificate from that institution, having completed the English course.

Rev. Ramseur is survived by four sisters and two brothers, one of whom is the Rev. J. A. Ramseur, Presbyterian minister of Mooresville.

The funeral was conducted at the Gethsemane A. M. E. Zion church on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the presence of a large audience. Rev. J. D. Cauten, pastor of the church, had charge. Several ministers of the Western North Carolina

Conference were present, as well as others from other denominations. Short addresses, telling of the noble life and character of the deceased were delivered by Revs. N. D. King, S. W. Hamilton, H. L. Simmons, presiding elders; Revs. Wm. Hairston, J. G. Murray, Mooresville, S. J. Howie and J. Francis Lee.

Interment was in Cedar Grove Cemetery.

COLORED VETERANS SEEK POST

Washington.—Traffic in far-off Liberia, according to the African World, is producing vehicular and pedestrian problems among the natives, requiring the appointment of a traffic director and native police. The situation has arisen through the recent landing at Monrovia of hundreds of automobiles and trucks for use on the Firestone rubber plantations. Hard surface roads are being constructed to connect twenty centers of operation, one from Marshall to Monrovia already being completed. From an estimated Liberian population of 2,000,000, Harvey Firestone, Jr., has anticipated an ample supply of labor. Direction of enlarged constabulary and police forces is being sought by former colored officers of the Ninety-second and Ninety-third divisions of the American expeditionary forces.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATED.

Many friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Cowan, Mt. Ulla, Jan. 12, 1926, on the celebration of his 75th birthday. Mr. Cowan at this age has good health, and has had very little sickness in his life. He is one of the successful farmers of Mt. Ulla. He has ten living children. Five were present at his birthday, namely: Mrs. Monroe Cowan, Mrs. Lilly Rankins, Miss Martha Cowan, of Mt. Ulla, Mrs. Nannie Cameron, of Greensboro, and Mr. R. N. Cowan, of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

Many gifts were presented to Mr. J. H. Cowan with expressions of hope that he will live to see many more years of happiness and good health.

A FRIEND.

BROOKLYN CHURCH NOTES

By Mrs. F. J. McGill

On last Sunday morning our pastor, Rev. F. L. Brodie, preached to us from Hebrews 13:1.

Sunday night we were pleased to have in our midst Mr. I. M. Martin, our Sunday School Missionary, who gave an impressive and interesting talk.

The elders held a business meeting on last Monday night at the home of Mr. S. R. Harris on E. Boundary Street. At the close of the meeting a delicious repast was served.

The Woman's Missionary Society held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, January 7, at the home of Mrs. Locke Johnson on N. Myers Street. A large number was present and we had a splendid meeting. Our President, Mrs. Brodie, gave a very interesting talk. Mrs. S. R. Harris brought a splendid plan before the ladies to raise some money. We hope to have success. At the close of the meeting delicious cake and cocoa were served.

NOTES FROM PLEASANT RIDGE CHURCH, LANCASTER, S. C.

By Everlena Babridge

Sunday, December 27, we enjoyed an interesting sermon delivered by our pastor, Rev. J. P. Harrison, from Phil. 3:13-14, subject, "Look Up."

The Ladies' Missionary Society of Pleasant Ridge church, gave a holiday dinner at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. Merritt Turkey, chicken, ham, salad, cake and hot coffee were served which were enjoyed by all, especially the men, who really ate. The society is doing fine with Mrs. D. A. Benson at the wheel.

The Christian Endeavor is doing a great work. It meets every Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock, and is largely attended. Mr. Willie Crawford is President.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. S. W. Carter

Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Acts 27:31, "Except these abide in the ship ye can not be saved."

From the subject, "God's Designs Include the Means," the speaker said: "It is true that God oftentimes reveals to His people coming events, and though they might be assured of deliverance, yet the means for deliverance must be used. . . . God promised to save the men in the ship; not in the sea; not in the lifeboats."

This subject is of widest application. It covers every phase of life. Few are the persons who stop to get the true idea of God's designs. Many are wont to disregard the means to accomplish ends.

We believe that God has fixed man's bounds of life, yet this does not justify a man's rushing into danger. "Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God," was Christ's reply to the half truth and half lie of Satan.

When you drive an automobile around a curve at 60 miles per hour, and another fool comes from the other end at the same rate, and these meet they are very near their bounds. They are tempting Fate.

God has given us eternal life through Christ Jesus, but in ordaining the end, He also predestinated the means, the ship. "Except ye abide in the ship ye cannot be saved."

Mrs. Alma Baker has been indisposed for the past week. Her presence from the service and Sunday school was greatly missed.

Mrs. Marie Florence gave a birthday party in honor of her little daughter, Louise, on last Friday afternoon at three o'clock at her home on Beach St., this being her fourth birthday. A jolly time was had by her little friends who attended. She received many presents. Refreshments of jello with whipped cream and cake were served. The beautiful birthday cake was made by Miss Annie Maud Murray, of Mebane.

JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY NOTES

By A. H. Prince

Conference on last Saturday evening was conducted by Prof. Thos. A. Long. "The Home Base" was the topic presented by Prof. Long. On Sunday evening Prof. G. G. M. James lectured before the students and faculty.

Mr. W. C. Craver, Secretary of the Young Men's Christian Association, was a recent visitor to the University and made a stirring lecture before the school on the interpretation of present day problems.

Mrs. M. C. J. McCrorey and Mrs. Hattie F. Russell are attending the Public Welfare Institute which is in session at Winston-Salem. Mrs. McCrorey is a member of the Advisory Committee for the Work Among Negroes. Mrs. Russell, who has been a welfare worker for Charlotte for a number of years, is representing the city.

Rev. J. A. Ramseur, of Mooresville, was on the campus Monday, having come to Charlotte to attend the funeral of his brother who died in Biddleville.

The first semester examinations begin on January 25th and end January 29th.

Dr. Carter G. Woodson will appear in lecture in the University Auditorium Monday evening.

Prof. R. L. Douglass has returned from Kittrell, N. C., where he attended a meeting of the North Carolina Intercollegiate Athletic Association of which he is President. Prof. Douglass reports a fine meeting.

Mr. F. M. Beaver, a member of the Sophomore class of Johnson C. Smith University, spent the holidays in Jacksonville, Fla. He was the guest of Miss Maud Harper, who is teaching here in the public school.

Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Ramseur and family, of Mooresville, moved to Charlotte on Sunday to attend the funeral of Rev. C. V. Ramseur, brother of Rev. J. A. Ramseur.