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EDITORIAL NOTES

Charlotte Presbyterians are glad to welcome members of Catawba Presbytery which convened in Biddleville church last night. As is usual at the Spring meeting, a large delegation of ministers and elders is present.

Editor W. L. Porter, of The East Tennessee News, published at Knoxville, Tenn., was in North Carolina last week in the interest of a special edition of The News which is to signalize the 20th anniversary of the founding of that paper. He spent a day in Charlotte and was cordially received by his confreres of the press. The special number will appear April 24th.

The way of the religious newspaper is hard. Another illustration of this is the passing of The Continent, for many years one of the most influential papers in our Church. Although it was supposed to have ample financial backing its subscription list has just been taken over by The Advance, of Nashville, Tennessee. Both The Continent and The Advance were exponents of the modernist view in recent doctrinal discussions. In mechanical and literary form The Continent was one of the most attractive papers in the country. As the successor of The Interior, made famous by the late Dr. W. C. Gray, The Continent inherited fine literary traditions and maintained them with unusual brilliance.

NEWS FROM MOCKSVILLE.

Dear Editor: Please allow us space in your paper to say a few words concerning the life and character of a noble and good woman, Mrs. Rachel Clement, whom the dear Lord in His all-wise Providence saw fit to call from labor to reward on February 13. Mrs. Clement lived a beautiful Christian life in the community and was loved and respected by all who knew her, both white and colored. She is and will be sadly missed in her church and community. But we have the comforting reflection that we are not without hope, for we are quite sure that if we are as faithful as she was we shall meet again where there is no more parting, for she has gone to be with the Lord.

Our pastor, Rev. L. M. Onque, and Mrs. Onque, of Drake's Branch, Va., were with us again on the 2nd Sunday in March. Our church and the entire community are proud to know and will gladly welcome these good

people after the 2nd Sunday in April for "keeps."

Our church is progressing nicely. On last Sabbath morning we had prayer service, conducted by Elder Jack Brown. Sunday afternoon the young people gave a very interesting programme at which time \$24.80 was raised on church benevolence.

The Missionary Society is doing excellent work under the leadership of Mrs. Mary Steele as President. Our Westminster Guild Society is also doing nicely with Mrs. Hettie Long as President.

Our last monthly meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Sylvia Hanes with every member present. After the business of the evening was over our hostess, assisted by Miss Estella Smoot, served a delicious saled course.

We are very glad to say at this time that Mrs. Susan Hunley and Mrs. Sarah Garrett are able to be out again.

Mrs. J. A. Smoot is very sick with flu. We hope for her a speedy recovery.

Mrs. T. H. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Eddings and Miss Nina Clingman motored over from Winston-Salem and attended our Easter program which was a decided success.

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EASTER SERVICES AT THE CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILSON, N. C.

Easter service had its beginning at the Calvary Presbyterian church at sunrise Easter morning when a group of twenty-five children, who had gathered in the tower of the church, began to broadcast Easter mirth thirty minutes. The residents for many blocks around listened in on the music of the children. The younger ones enjoyed the venture very much.

At the eleven o'clock service Holy Communion was celebrated with a large number communing. Eight infants were baptized and six new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the church.

Rev. Hermon S. Davis, of Oxford, delivered the Easter sermon. He also preached at the evening service. His sermons were inspiring, inspiring and uplifting.

During the Sunday school hour the Sunday school department rendered the Easter program. This service was very well attended.

On the 4th Sunday in March the Omicron Omega chapter of the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity held a Memorial service to Col. Chas. Young. The principal addresses were delivered by Mr. Wm. H. Davenport, of the local High School faculty, and Mr. L. M. Tobin, of the High School faculty of Tarboro. Mrs. Daniel Vick rendered a vocal solo. Calvary's choir rendered several pieces of music for the occasion.

Plans are being formulated for Vocation Day. At this time it is planned to render a pageant as one of the added features. It is expected that this day will be made interesting as well as beneficial to the younger group.

"THE SCRIBE."

ST. PAUL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TIMBERLAND, N. C.

Sunday, April 4th, Rev. B. H. Brown, of Pembroke, spoke to us at 11 o'clock. He spoke relative to the crucified and risen Lord. "Why seek ye the living among the dead" was the text. From the beginning of the service the speaker seemed to be in full touch with God, our heavenly Father. He stuck to the truth of the message the Lord directed him to bring to us. We believe every soul present who knew the Lord as a personal Saviour enjoyed the service to the very highest. At the close of the service five were added to the church.

Pray for us that the Spirit of the Lord may have the right of way in God's church and that wickedness may give way to righteousness and that the time will soon come when those who are out of the ark of safety may cry out, "Men and brethren, what shall I do to be saved?"

T. L. BLUE.

THEY HAVE IT, BUT WHO WON IT?

Mary Potter Memorial School
Oxford, N. C.

To the Editor of Africo-American Presbyterian,
Charlotte, N. C.

Dear Sir:
I would be glad if you would publish the enclosed leaflet in your paper. I think the facts are such that the public should know.

Respectfully,
G. C. SHAW.

North Carolina has what we call "The North Carolina Athletic Conference." Any school in the State which will adopt the Constitution and By Laws is eligible to membership.

To stimulate athletics the constitution offers a cup valued at about \$20.00 to the school winning the highest percentage of games during the season. Any school winning the cup three years in succession keeps the cup.

Mary Potter has always, ever since the association was formed, been a close competitor. The association formerly offered a Pennant. Mary Potter won the Pennant one season. Last year the contest was very close between Mary Potter and "North Carolina College for Negroes." One of the Professors of the North Carolina College for Negroes, Prof. C. G. O'Kelly, is Secretary and Treasurer of the association, and, of course, wields quite an influence in the executive committee, in awarding the cup. He was present and took an active part in deciding certain contests that Mary Potter had before the executive committee. There were two games that the constitution gave to Mary Potter. These games must be taken away from her or she will get the cup, making it impossible for the school that Prof. O'Kelly represented to keep the coveted prize. They lost the cup on the field. Can it be won in the executive committee? If so, how?

Mary Potter seems not to have been sitting well on the heart of our Secretary for a year or so. In 1923 acting under the old constitution Mary Potter cancelled a game with the National Training School because of bad weather. Prof. O'Kelly, faculty manager of the Training School team, took us before the executive committee of the conference and like a merciless Jew insisted that we pay the full penalty, \$30.00 for breaking a contract. We insisted that, though we had broken a contract, the constitution allowed us to do so under the circumstances. Nevertheless he got his committee to decide with him and wrote us to pay it quickly or we would be turned out of the association. We sent him his \$30.00. But listen, friends. At the next meeting of the executive committee, January, 1923, they changed the constitution making it impossible for a school to cancel a contract. In the Spring of 1924 Shaw University cancelled a game with us, Mary Potter School, for the very same reason that we cancelled our game with the Training School the year before. We have no charge against Shaw for cancelling the game under the circumstances. We would not have brought the matter before the association if it had had not been to test the partiality of the executive committee. What did they do?

They exonerated Shaw, saying that Shaw thought she was acting under the old constitution. Now I want to say here to the public and to the executive committee if they were right in the matter of Shaw and we have never had any idea of accepting the \$30.00 from Shaw even if the executive committee had decided in our favor, but I repeat, if they were right in exonerating Shaw, then they deliberately robbed Mary Potter's Athletic Association of \$30.00. The Secretary met us in the road with what he claimed to have been the authority of the executive committee and said, "Give me \$30.00 or we will turn you out of the association." I shelled out the \$30.00.

But this is not the point at issue at present. I only mention this to show to the public what kind of deals we have had from the executive committee in the past as well as the present. As I have said the cup is threatened this year. North Carolina College for Negroes has had it two years. If they can get it this year the constitution allows them to keep it. If they lose they will have to win it three years in succession? Which is the easiest thing to do, to take it this year or run the risk of winning it the next three years in succession? Mary Potter is a dangerous competitor. If I can take from her two games that the constitution gives her, then there will be no question about the cup.

But before we go into the contest let me tell you of another deal that we have had from the executive committee, or rather Secretary of the association.

We have a law that is as explicit as anything can be. Before any school plays a game it must send to our Secretary a list of bonafide players for that season. The list must be signed by the Principal of the school or some member of the faculty. Last year we through mistake left off the name of one of our best players. We discovered the mistake in a few days, some time before we were to play our first game. We wrote our Secretary telling him of our mistake and asking permission to add the name. The Secretary wrote us at length telling us the name could not possibly be added, if we did the games we played would be forfeited. We did not play the man.

Now listen and watch. Contest 1. We were playing Kittrell on Kittrell's grounds. There were two umpires, one a Kittrell man student and the other an Oxford man, not however, connected with the school in any way. In the seventh inning there was a contention between the teams. The Kittrell man gave a decision in favor of Mary Potter. The Kittrell team refused to play, but finally agreed to play under a protest. When the protest was written the captain of Mary Potter refused to sign the same. Kittrell then refused to play. The umpire in chief ordered them on the grounds. Mary Potter team went, Kittrell refused to go, the umpire in chief forfeited the game to Mary Potter. Kittrell even refused to pay their guarantee of \$20.00. These are the facts that were presented to the executive committee. Both sides were present when these facts were presented. After the facts were presented both sides were asked to retire. If the committee heard any other facts in the case they called the other side in and heard the facts when we were not present. The decision of the executive committee was: "Decision of umpire reversed, game given to Kittrell. Kittrell must pay, however, Mary Potter what she guaranteed to pay." What a generous decision. How considerate of Mary Potter! Twenty dollars will keep their mouths shut. I think it is the law, it certainly is the custom that if a visiting team walks off the field and refuses to play they forfeit the guarantee. If Mary Potter did that why give her the guarantee?

But to keep the cup another game must be taken from Mary Potter.

Contest 2. I have referred to our constitution which says explicitly that any school playing an ineligible man shall forfeit the game played to the other team. But of course that does not or must not apply to Mary Potter if she is about to take the cup from its two year resting place where we are anxious that it should abide forever. At any rate Albion played a man against us whose name certainly was not on the list of eligible players. The game was played the latter part of the season. You should have heard the Secretary explaining to the other part of the executive committee that the Principal had assured him that the man was a bonafide player, therefore he should be considered as such. Albion won the game, but according to our constitution and the custom of the executive committee when the Secretary has nothing to gain or lose the game is forfeited to the school played. If that had been done Mary Potter would have the cup.

On page 20 of our constitution in the report of the action of the

conference, January, 1925, we have the following minutes:

Case No. 2. Ineligible players—Fayetteville Normal vs. A. & T. College. Decision: Game forfeited to Fayetteville.

Case No. 3. Unofficial player added to list. N. C. A. Conference vs. Henderson Institute. Decision: All games forfeited in which player was used.

The minutes of 1926 should show case No. 4, ineligible player. Mary Potter vs. Albion Academy. Decision: Ineligible player allowed, otherwise Mary Potter would win the cup. Be fair, executive committee, and make some such honest report.

I have stated facts and only facts. If I have misstated a single fact I beg to be corrected. I shall gladly publish the correction. We feel that what the Secretary's team lost on the field he won for them in the executive meeting.

I have said privately, and have written the Secretary and now say publicly, that I can not believe if the President of North Carolina College for Negroes knew the facts in the case by which the school retains the cup he would allow the cup to remain on the campus.

C. G. SHAW.

SHADY SIDE NOTES, LEXINGTON, N. C.

The Easter message brought to us Sunday morning by our pastor, Rev. Anderson on "The Risen Christ" was based upon Luke 24:6: "He is not here, but is risen." The speaker said it was a great day in the creation, a great day in the fall of man, a great day when the angels sang their glory song, "Peace on earth, good will to men." It was also a great day when the Son of God, Jesus Christ, hung between the heaven and the earth. For three days heaven was in mourning, the darkest days the world has ever known. The speaker emphasized the fact that the greatest and most outstanding of all days was when Jesus Christ arose from the grave and it was said, "He is risen."

Prayer was offered by Brother J. M. Hargrave, of the Baptist church.

The Easter program was rendered at night at which time the Easter crosses were brought in and the sum of \$23.00 was realized.

The sick of our church are improving. Mrs. Daisy C. Gilchrist has gone to the Hospital at High Point. It is reported she is doing fine. We hope to have her back in our midst soon.

The Missionary Society held its last meeting before going up to Presbytery with Mrs. Maria Thomasson. The books for the year were reviewed. We have been blessed of the Lord this year. We have met all of our obligations to the Boards, have given aid to many sick and old people. We are sorry to note the loss of one of our faithful members, the oldest of the society.

Mrs. W. E. Thomasson has been elected to represent the society in the Presbyterial meeting at Greensboro, April 14th.

"BEE."

CARY JOTTINGS

By Mrs. E. R. Ballenger
The Missionary Society met in the home of Mrs. E. Ballenger. Matthew 23:1-10 was read responsively, led by Rev. Boyd. Our topic was "Christianity." Those present were Mrs. M. White, Rev. and Mrs. Boyd, Mrs. Estelle Burr, Master Howard Burr, Rev. A. L. White, Mrs. Addie Saunders, Mrs. Sallie Arrington, Mrs. Irma Ballenger, Mrs. Mary Saunders, Mr. William Saunders and Carlton Ruth.
The Sisters of Mercy are

HONOR ROLL OF CHURCHES WHICH HAVE PAID THEIR 1925-26 BENEVOLENCE QUOTAS.

On the suggestion of Dr. G. W. Long, strongly endorsed by Dr. J. M. Gaston, the Workers' Conference at Chester, S. C., voted to request the Africo to publish an Honor Roll of the churches in various Presbyteries that have paid their full benevolence quotas for the year 1925-26. This Roll will appear weekly in the Africo as soon as the quota is raised and sent in to the Central Receiving Agency or to any of the Boards for proper distribution.
(Signed)
C. J. BAKER.

Fairfield Presbytery

Sumter, Second Sumter, S. C.
Shiloh, Second Wedgefield, S. C.
York, Second York, S. C.
Cheraw, Second Cheraw, S. C.
Ladson Columbia, S. C.
Bethlehem 1st, McConnellsville, S. C.
St. Matthews White Oak, S. C.

Knox Presbytery

St. Paul Cordale, Ga.
Laura Street Jacksonville, Fla.
Moore's Chapel Albany, Ga.
Butler Memorial Savannah, Ga.
McClelland Presbytery
Allendale, Second Allendale, S. C.
Bethesda Gaffney, S. C.
First Church Irmo, S. C.
Salem Anderson, S. C.
Walker's Chapel Reidsville, S. C.
Bowers Chapel Wellford, S. C.
Mt. Zion Due West, S. C.
Sloan's Chapel Clinton, S. C.
Mattoon Greenville, S. C.

Klamath Presbytery

New Hope Fort Towson, Okla.
Beaver Dam Grant, Okla.
White River Presbytery
Westminster Cotton Plant, Ark.
Hot Springs, 2nd, Hot Springs, Ark.
Holmes Chapel Monticello, Ark.
Hopewell Morrilton, Ark.
Smith Memorial Crockett, Texas

Cape Fear Presbytery

Mt. Pleasant Franklinton, N. C.
Bethany Lumberton, N. C.
Red Springs, 2nd, Red Springs, N. C.
Mt. Pisgah Rocky Mount, N. C.
St. Paul, 2nd Timberland, N. C.

Catawba Presbytery

Trinity Marion, N. C.
Davidson church Davidson, N. C.
Green St. church Morganton
Southern Virginia Presbytery
Holbrook Street Danville, Va.

Yadkin Presbytery

John Hall Chapel Carthage, N. C.
Pine Street Durham, N. C.
Birmingham Presbytery
Clark's Chapel Ackerman, Miss.
Miller Memorial Birmingham, Ala.
Rogersville Presbytery
Bethesda Johnson City, Tenn.

Hodge Presbytery

Christ church Augusta, Ga.
Bethany Conyers, Ga.
St. James church Decatur, Ga.
Radcliffe Memorial Atlanta, Ga.
Le Vere Presbytery
Leonard Street, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Bethel church Dandridge, Tenn.
St. Luke New Market, Tenn.
Ric. church Newport, Tenn.

working faithfully. They are doing some good work.

The First Baptist church had a rally on last Sunday and had quite a success. There were three choirs present and the singing was good. The Cary choir, under the supervision of Mr. Fred Lee, took the lead.

Mrs. A. L. White has been very sick, but is improving somewhat. Miss Othara Webster is also very sick.

Mr. Thomas Stewart attended conference at Apex last Saturday.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. M. Burton, March 20th. Mrs. L. Ross made a flying trip to Raleigh today.

CATAWBA PRESBYTERIAL DISTRICT MEETING.

There will be a Presbyterial District meeting at Church St. church, Charlotte, Saturday, April 24th, 1926, at 10:30 A. M. Each church in the District is urged to send representatives. Mrs. Geo. E. Davis, President.
Mrs. C. H. Shute, District Leader.

HODGE PRESBYTERIAL

The Woman's Presbyterial Society of Hodge Presbytery will meet April 16th, at Ebenezer church, Rome, Ga.

Each society is earnestly requested to send a representative with \$1.00, contingent fee. Write Mrs. A. B. Fortune, 1001 Maple Street, Rome, Ga., if you will attend.
Mrs. J. R. Harris, President.