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UNJUST RACIAL DISCRIMINATIONS ON RAILROADS.

Inequality in railroad transportation in this country in discrimination between the white and colored races is contrary to Christian principles if the Bible conception of Christianity is true, and we know it is. The front coach where the colored people are compelled to ride is less safe because of its proximity to the engine than the other coaches. And what makes matters worse is that frequently these front coaches are constructed of wood. Thus sandwiched between the iron engine and steel coaches, these wooden coaches in case of wrecks are usually crushed as egg shells, resulting very often in destruction of life to the occupants. There is no law for such discrimination. There is law for separation of the races on railroads, but if there is a law on the statute books requiring coaches for colored passengers to be placed nearest the engine we have never read or heard of it.

Another condition which obtains on some trains of providing for colored passengers only one toilet for both males and females is quite unjust and exceedingly humiliating to the race and should be remedied.

When so much of this kind of thing is practised in this country and published to the world, should we be surprised to hear soon coming from heathen lands the cry, Send us your Christ, but keep your Christianity?

MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF CAPE FEAR.

The Presbytery of Cape Fear held its 40th session in the Ebenezer Presbyterian church, New Bern, April 14-16. A large delegation of ministers, elders and missionary women was in attendance.

The opening address was ably and enthusiastically made by Lawyer R. W. Williamson, LL. D., retiring Moderator. His subject was, "Our Church and My Trip Abroad." The address was vivid, clear and historical in scope. The speaker was high in his praise of the Welsh people, where he was in attendance as a delegate to the 12th General Council of the Alliance of Reformed Churches, which convened at Cardiff, Wales.

The Presbytery was very cordially welcomed on behalf of the city by ex-Mayor Edward Clark, in lieu of Mayor Bangert. Mr. Clark paid a very high tribute to the colored people of New Bern as to their obedience

to the municipal laws and their spirit of cooperation in civic affairs and otherwise. This address was responded to by Mr. S. H. Vick, of Wilson. The Rev. J. Julian Robinson, of the A. M. E. Zion church, welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Ministerial Alliance. Mrs. Mary Robertson Bryan welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of Ebenezer church. Dr. George C. Shaw, of Oxford, responded to these addresses.

The new Moderator, Dr. Clarence Dillard, of Goldsboro, in receiving the office on his 40th anniversary as a member of this body, gave some practical words of wisdom to the young and old.

Thursday morning was taken up with various church reports by the ministers and elders. It is to be regretted that as a whole the churches did not show a very healthy gain in membership as they did last year. More money was raised for benevolences this year than last.

At 12:30, devotions were conducted by the Rev. L. H. Fuller and Elder Murphy. The afternoon session was taken up by the various committees submitting their reports.

The evening session was devoted to the celebration of the 40th anniversary of the founding of Cape Fear Presbytery. Dr. J. A. Savage presided. Dr. Mabry gave a "Review of the Spiritual Growth of the Presbytery," and Dr. Dillard gave a "Review of the Material Growth. These valiant soldiers of the Cross spoke in vivid terms of those pioneer days.

Rev. Hermon S. Davis, representing the younger group of ministers, received the mantle from the older ones. The scene was a dramatic one. Drs. Savage, Dillard and Mabry, representing a combined service of 126 years, proud in their achievements, gracefully turned the more arduous duties of Presbytery over to the younger members. Rev. Davis, in his characteristic way, received the mantle.

At this point Rev. A. H. George came forward and presented to Drs. Dillard and Savage a gold stick pin and to Dr. Mabry a five dollar gold piece as a token of esteem and recognition of faithful service rendered. This presentation, made on behalf of Presbytery, was made possible through the efforts of Elder Julius Murray, of Wilmington. A brief sketch of the activities of these men shall appear in a later article.

The Rev. J. W. Smith was received as a member from the Presbytery of Le Vere and his name was enrolled as a member of Cape Fear. Rev. Smith is supplying the Chestnut Street church, Wilmington.

Rev. Otto E. Sanders was granted permission to labor out of the bounds of Presbytery for a year.

Rev. B. S. Brown will supply the field formerly held by the late Rev. T. G. Williamson.

Rev. J. B. Harper will supply Fremont, Farmville and Pendleton.

The Ebenezer church, New Bern, the Davie Street church, Raleigh, and the Shiloh church, Goldsboro, are left vacant.

Drs. Dillard and Mabry were made ministers at large for the Presbytery.

Dr. J. A. Savage, after forty years of service, resigned as Stated Clerk, and was made

A. H. George was elected Stated Clerk. Presbytery presented Dr. Savage a purse of \$25 as a token of appreciation of his service as Stated Clerk.

The Communion service was conducted by Drs. Dillard and Savage. On Thursday a very touching memorial service for the late Rev. T. G. Williamson was conducted. Resolutions were read by Dr. G. C. Shaw. Several brethren spoke of Rev. Williamson's life and work in Bladen County. Rev. Williamson was in many respects a hero in the cause of Christ. For a large number of years he labored in Bladen County as educator and minister. He was isolated from most of his friends, yet he gloried in his work and was contented to do

his best for the betterment of the people in his section. It will be remembered that in this county there are about 3,500 Negro children of school age and only about 400 in school. Rev. Williamson dedicated his life to the Christianizing and educating of this group. His life was one of effective service in an isolated section of North Carolina. Rev. Williamson was an unsung hero.

The commissioners elected to the General Assembly are Rev. R. C. Scriven and Elder Geo. P. Dudley, principals; Dr. J. A. Savage and Elder S. H. Vick, alternates.

Presbytery adjourned to meet in Maxton the second Wednesday in April, 1927.

A. H. GEORGE.

YADKIN PRESBYTERY.

Yadkin Presbytery met May 14, 1926, at St. James church in Greensboro. It opened with a sermon by the retiring moderator, Rev. J. M. Morton. He preached from Esther 4:14. He preached a fine sermon to the delight of all who heard it. Dr. L. A. Dockery was chosen Moderator. Rev. H. C. Miller had everything pleasantly arranged for the Presbytery and our meeting was one grand affair.

The St. James and Hannah churches served delicious dinner each day in the basement of the church. Good homes were provided for the 120 people who attended the Presbytery.

The work of the Presbytery was carried on with a degree of smoothness that had not existed heretofore.

There were few changes made with reference to the ministers. Rev. L. M. Onque is to take our work at Mocksville and Mr. Vernon, Rev. J. H. Clement is to take Allen's Temple instead of Edward Webb Memorial, and for the summer Mr. R. N. Cowan, who is in the Middle Theological class of Johnson C. Smith University, will supply the pulpit at Mt. Airy. Rev. Dr. Rankin resigned the work at Southern Pines. Rev. P. W. Toney is to take that church in connection with the Aberdeen church. Rev. Mayberry was ordained to the gospel ministry.

The report of the Council was adopted with reference to the program of field activities. Any church that did not pay its quota or at least a part of it, will not be heard in the Presbytery.

Something new under the sun occurred at this Presbytery that we have never known before. Whatever happens, somebody always says, I knew that, whether it is good or bad; but something happened in Greensboro that nobody knew even could happen. The First Presbyterian church (white) opened their doors to the Presbyterial Society to hold their meetings in their church. That act alone shows the splendid standing of the Rev. H. C. Miller and the class of men and women that he preaches to.

Our financial report for this year was good. A number of churches had paid their entire quota and our General Assembly money was larger this year than ever before.

The collections during the Presbytery were splendid. On Friday night the ladies took up \$70.00 at the end of their Missionary program.

We beg to say that this was one of the best, if not the best Presbyteries that we have ever attended in these twenty odd years.

I. H. RUSSELL,
Permanent Clerk.

CARD OF THANKS.

Mrs. Emma F. Springs and family desire to thank their many friends for kindness extended during our bereavement in the death of daughter and mother, Mrs. Bertha Faggott Herndon, who died at her residence, 412 North Alexander St., April 14th, 1926.

Rev. D. S. Collier's address is changed from Okolona, Miss., to Gaffney, S. C., and he will be in charge of the Reidville and Wellford churches of the McClelland Presbytery.

DR. CADMAN MAKES A POWERFUL PLEA FOR PROHIBITION

Washington, April 16.—"The churches are dry—more so than ever before." Their stand on prohibition was made plain by Dr. S. Parkes Cadman, of New York, President of the Federal Council of Churches, in a statement presented to the Senate sub-committee today. "They are more convinced than ever before of the value of prohibition," it declared.

"Modification," it warned, "would inevitably bring back the saloon." "Give prohibition a square deal," was the plea.

At the same time Dr. William I. Haven, of New York, general secretary of the American Bible Society, presented the official action of the Administrative Committee of the Federal Council taken last Friday in view of the hearing.

The declaration of the feeling of the churches was presented at the Senate hearing by the Rev. Dr. Charles S. Macfarland, of New York, general secretary of the Federal Council, on behalf of Dr. Cadman.

Dr. Cadman and many other prominent churchmen from all parts of the country, who had been promised a hearing yesterday afternoon by the Senate sub-committee conducting the inquiry were not able to remain over when at the behest of Senator Reed the hearing was postponed until today.

"The personal liberty plea of the 'wets' is a delusion and a snare. All law is limitation of personal liberty for the sake of the public welfare," said the statement of Dr. Cadman.

"Only yesterday a bread trust was dissolved before it was well begun. The plea that one can do as one pleases with his own property does not avail for the bakers. Why should it avail for the brewers and drinkers?"

"One of the blots upon our national character is due to the utterly misleading conception of personal freedom which rejects control and defies authority. How else can we account for the swollen lists of divorces, robberies, murders, the notorious deeds of public spoliation and financial debauchery? I maintain that the Republic we love needs the discipline which prevents reckless and assertive individualism from prostituting the honor and imperiling the safety of the American people.

"The perils of alcoholism give a growing uneasiness to statesmen everywhere. And although the degrading habits of those who openly flout the law are serious for them they are neither as widespread nor as iniquitous as the consequences of legalized liquor traffic of a decade ago. Then, saloons were on nearly every corner, grogeries in the slums, and breweries which owned them in full blast. They were sinks of human undoing, alive with legislative corruption, political fraud, prostitution and crime. I know few who dare to hint that these dens of drink and creative sources of poverty and misery should be restored to their former vile supremacy.

Yet should prohibition be weakened at the dictates of its foes, I am convinced that eventually the saloon will return. Its non-social and pestiferous rule will be resaddled upon the people. Those who are disposed to heed the pleas of the wets for a more liberal interpretation of the law should ask them how the return of the saloon is to be avoided.

"They say that prohibition was foisted suddenly upon an unwilling people. As a policy, entire legal suppression of the liquor traffic, in one form or another, is seventy years old in the United States. During that prolonged period the traffic was given repeated opportunities to reform.

"Recall its bone-headed brutalities, its flagrant violations of law, its conscienceless outrages upon the security and peace of countless American homes. Taxation, police supervision, State regulations or the governmental controlled systems of some of the Canadian provinces have alike proved ineffective. Finland,

after experimenting with other plans, has followed the example of the United States and adopted prohibition.

"The descriptions of the violations of law, of the wealth of bootleggers and of other villains and villainies preying upon our people, are usually made by those who want the modification or repeal of prohibition. Why they should make a concerted othshrdlu sh shrdlu sh shssshh drive in its particular policy is not obvious apart from their selfish interests. Other laws are exceedingly difficult of enforcement, but we do not advise their modification or repeal.

"Give prohibition a square deal. No sooner was prohibition established and the wets had recovered from the shock, than they began to encompass its destruction. But after enduring drink for many centuries, nearly always with ignominious results, can we not endure prohibition even for a decade? What homes has it blighted, what disgrace has it brought upon us, what shame and sin, when compared with the unbridled use of intoxicants during these centuries?"

"I ask for a rigid enforcement of the law, backed by an equitable and rational public opinion which will not be diverted from this magnificent experiment till it has had a fair opportunity.

"Give sobriety an equal chance with drunkenness. In view of the undeniable benefits which have already been produced by prohibition, and because of the sheer impossibility of dealing with the liquor evil by any other method, I call upon all good citizens to rally to its support."

GOODWILL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MAYESVILLE, S. C.

Goodwill church has just closed one of its most successful years along all lines. Its financial report is the best in its history.

The Rev. W. J. Nelson, after considering a call from this church, finally decided to accept the call in September, 1925, and came to us the first of October. Having built up such a fine record at Ridgeway, his former field, and having ingratiated himself in the hearts of the people, it was a very hard matter to get him to give up.

Plans were made in September for a rally on the second Sunday in October and everybody looked forward to the day with great interest, and on that day we raised \$1019.40—a record breaking day in the history of Goodwill. Since that time the spirit of giving has been kept up and as a result the receipts for the year ending March 31st netted \$2939.31. We are too sorry that we did not meet our full quota to the Boards, but when what has been done is considered, perhaps some will agree that we have done well. The church and its auxiliaries gave to the benevolent cause of the Church \$435.23.

Our Sunday school under the efficient management of Mr. John J. Burgess, played well its part in last year's work and began the new church year, April 4, (Easter Sunday), with a splendid program, which netted \$16.40.

The Missionary Society, under the leadership of Mrs. W. W. J. Nelson as President, is doing a most splendid work, having raised its full Presbyterial quota, this amount being the largest assessed.

The Young People's Society, under the leadership of Miss Susie E. Cooper, is also doing a splendid work among the young people; in fact, all of the auxiliaries of the church are thoroughly organized and doing their part in carrying forward the great work in which we are engaged.

The spiritual condition of the church is fine. We get a great message from God's own Word every Sabbath, and we are eager to get back to hear what the next one will be. We

are being taught the way of life and what God requires of us, and the joy that comes to us when we meet with God's requirements. In all this the spiritual fervor runs high. Rev. Nelson has some exceptional gifts as a preacher. He is very unassuming and quiet, but to know him and the power there is in him, hear him and you can never forget him. Since he has been here fifty-two members have been added to the church and the attendance is good. The membership is large and is scattered over a large territory; there are those who live fully ten miles and never miss a Sabbath. There is one thing about us—we will go to church and we are learning to do some other things.

Something must be said of our day school. There are 315 students in school and the school is better equipped than ever. Since Rev. Nelson has been here he has secured and installed two hundred individual desks and seats. Some of our friends of the other race have visited our school and declared it one of the best equipped of the rural schools in the county. The teaching force is not at all what it ought to be in a school of this size, but those who are here are doing a splendid work. Rev. Nelson, as Principal, is as hard a worker in the school work as in the church. Mrs. Nelson as a life-licensed teacher of experience and ability, is a great asset in both church and school. She is the church organist and a Sunday school teacher. The other teachers are showing a deal of interest in the work.

We are indeed on the upward trend. We are proud that our pastor is comfortably housed. We have built a seven-room house since he has been here and his family seem to enjoy their comfort. The family is quite a unique one; it is rare to see so many bright little boys—only five of them. The home can never be lonesome with these boys.

We ask the prayers of those who are interested in this great work that God's blessings may be continued on Rev. Nelson and us all.

ONE INTERESTED.

THE HOME

(From The Charlotte Observer)

Dr. James I. Vance, a noted Presbyterian divine, of much familiarity in North Carolina pulpits, is conducting a series of meetings in Statesville, and in his Sunday morning sermon he struck the keynote message, which is the salvation of our homes. His appeal was for "revival of the Christian home, an institution older and more far-reaching than any other institution in America." It was a sermon in which were embodied thoughts that should be passed around, because Dr. Vance struck at the very root of the evils of the day. Incidentally, The Observer might incorporate a need that would necessarily develop the one important need Doctor Vance is proclaiming for. It is need for more evangelists to talk along the same lines Doctor Vance has chosen. The newspapers have a habit of copying the better sentiments of other newspapers. It might benefit the pulpit if it should adopt the general policy of copying after the better remarks of other pulpits. When a preacher makes utterance that grips the public mind, it might be quoted from the pulpit with "credit" as is the custom with the newspapers. In that way appeals for the revival of the Christian home might have the larger circulation. "The Home" might be a standing topic for pulpit discussion throughout the land, and there is Biblical authority for it. In fact, Doctor Vance found the appropriate text in Timothy: "Learn first to show piety at home." From that text Doctor Vance drew some sensible conclusions. He maintained, as stated in The Statesville Daily, that the revival of this country needs most today is not one of trade. Trade is doing very well. America is not only the richest country in the

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