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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 32.

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## THE NATIONAL NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION

Philadelphia, Pa. (Special)—After having deliberated for three days, the National Negro Press Association adjourned in this city Saturday noon. Chicago will entertain them February 10, 11, 12, 1927. Benjamin Jefferson Davis was elected President. The Constitution was so amended as to admit Periodicals, Newspapers and Magazines, these to be represented at the Association by properly accredited messengers from the various publications.

An "Address to the Country" was delivered, full of pep, making certain specific requests of the American people, setting forth grievances that were not shadows, and at the same time, complimenting the American people for certain adjustments of wrongs that had hitherto existed.

Two women were added to the official family. Many social courtesies were shown by the Philadelphia people. The Sesqui-Centennial officers were hosts to the quill pushers during their session. Philadelphia gave one reception and one public meeting. The dean or nestor of journalism was a conspicuous figure throughout the week. Twenty-one accomplishments presented by the secretary of the Association as the work of the organization, were plainly set forth and clearly demonstrated.

The following are the officers for the new year: Benj. J. Davis, Atlanta, Ga., President; Robt. J. Nelson, Washington, D. C., First Vice President; Joa. A. Bass, Los Angeles, Calif., Second Vice President; Henry Allen Boyd, Nashville, Tenn., Corresponding Secretary; I. Willis Cole, Louisville, Ky., Recording Secretary; E. Washington Rhodes, Philadelphia, Pa., Treasurer; M. J. Chisum, Chicago, Ill., Field Secretary; J. E. Mitchell, St. Louis, Mo., Chairman Executive Committee; Miss Jeanette Carter, Washington, D. C., Auditor.

### ANNUAL STATEMENT TO THE COUNTRY BY THE NATIONAL NEGRO PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Philadelphia, Pa., August 7, 1926.—We, the members of the National Negro Press Association in Annual Convention assembled, desire to call the attention of the American people to the following messages:

(1) While quite a few years have elapsed since the gigantic world war in which the Negro played such a conspicuous part, in the belief that its culmination would mean the actual freedom of its submerged tenth, few of the ideals for which America stands and for which we fought, bled and died, have become realities. Negro soldiers are still denied full and free entry into the Reserve Camps established for the military training of our youth on account of their color.

This unfair discrimination, we condemn because it is not only unjust and un-American but it fosters discrimination in the one voluntary branch of the War Department in which there should be none. The status of all soldiers should be the same without regard to color. We protest against the designation of our soldiers by the War Department for detached service in communities notoriously prejudiced against such soldiers and the uniform.

(2) We condemn the tendency throughout the country to segregate us as to residence and schools, which practice is contrary to the letter and spirit of the law of the land.

(3) We believe in the equality of opportunity in labor. Unless the white unions of our country will welcome the American Negro on terms of absolute equality to their ranks and affirm the unity of all workers in

the common goal—Industrial Democracy, we shall view with suspicion their attempts to organize Negro labor.

(4) In view of the fact that the freedom of the press is one of the most sacred guarantees to the American people, we condemn the growing practice in certain communities to muzzle the Negro press. We cite specifically the case in Kentucky where two of our editors are to be brought to trial for setting forth a fair and just opinion concerning a local occurrence.

(5) Segregation and discrimination sanctioned by Federal authority is one of the most menacing and prejudicial things against which we have to contend. Departmental discrimination at Washington we regard as a dangerous example.

(6) We view with deep concern the increasing discrimination against Negroes on common carriers. The most aggravating case of recent occurrence is that of a Negro woman who purchased a ticket in New York to a point in Florida, who was arrested by a local officer, thrown in jail and fined \$500.00 for riding in a Pullman car in the state of Florida.

(7) We note with interest the assertion of a healthy public opinion to condemn mob and lynch law. And we commend those agencies which are operating in an organized way to create public sentiment against violence.

(8) We note with interest that the restrictive immigration laws have worked to the benefit of American labor in which largely the Negro has been benefited. It has led to a more equal distribution of the Negro citizenship and thus benefitted all concerned.

(9) We condemn the unequal apportionment of school funds in States where separate schools are maintained.

(10) We insist upon the enforcement of all the provisions of the Constitution of the United States, including the privileges and immunities guaranteed Negro citizens under the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments. We insist that the enforcement of the 18th Amendment while the 14th Amendment is violated in all of its parts, prejudices the whole constitutional fabric and works to the undermining of a democratic government.

(11) We condemn the practice of certain states to disfranchise Negro citizens in primaries or in regular elections.

Committee:  
D. J. HULL,  
ARTHUR LYNCH,  
T. B. LIVINGSTON,  
J. E. MITCHELL,  
M. J. CHISUM,  
MRS. E. WASHINGTON RHODES.

### IS THIS THE AGE OF THAT LAWLESS ONE?

"And then shall that Lawless One be revealed." (2 Thess. 2:3, literal).

A New York preacher said not long ago: "One of our most venerated and farseeing citizens recently remarked that in his eighty years of active life, associated with some of the most stirring events in the commonwealth, he had never seen such an orgy or lawlessness as that through which we are living now. Startled into thoughtfulness by this assertion, I made some interesting discoveries; namely, that I could not recall ever having preached a sermon on obedience; that I could not recall ever having heard a sermon on obedience; that when I searched volume after volume of modern addresses and sermons, I did not run upon any that dealt with respect for and obedience to authority. There were plenty on freedom, on the

emancipation of the individual, on the outgrowing of old restraints, but few, if any, upon the necessity and glory of being mastered by what rightfully masters us. The impression began to sink in that our orgy of lawlessness is not an accident, nor merely a post-war psychological reaction, but that it is the natural fruitage of deep-rooted tendencies in our thinking which have affected alike our religion and our law."

To which another has added: "We dimly acknowledge that Christ's teaching is our hope for the recovery of our sense of Divine Law. But all that we dislike in that teaching we ignore. Thus, though about one-third of it declares that God's judgment of disobedience is certain, unexpected, and very awful, we have been keeping silent on the subject for the last 50 years."

To all which a third has added: "If Eternal Hell is the doom of the wrong-doer (and the main crime-deterrent of the universe disappears when the belief in hell disappears), he is a kind man who says so."

When an emasculated Bible comes in, the belief in hell goes out, the consciousness of sin goes out, respect for authority goes out, Sinai and Calvary go out, and hell on earth comes in. For lawlessness is hell. An Unseparated Church Cannot Preach from an Emasculated Bible.

Pray for a separated, a re-empowered, a world-wide witnessing Church, a Church not shunning to declare "All the counsel of God," a Church "looking for that blessed hope."

Pray for the universal observance of the "Ten Days' Prayer Season," December 31 to January 9. "Hold fast till I come—Be watchful, and strengthen the things that remain, that are ready to die—Behold, I come quickly." (Rev. 2 and 3). Are you ready? Is the Church ready? (See I John 3:3.)

Pray for the Church's revival.

### NEW CLOTHES A TONIC FOR WOMAN.

College Station, Texas.—The doctrine that a new hat is more invigorating than a box of pills is being officially preached here by the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, whose board of regents is appointed by the woman governor, Mrs. Miriam A. Ferguson.

Whether there is any connection between the presence of a woman in the governor's chair and the new gospel of clothes is not divulged, but Mrs. Dora Russell Barnes, clothing specialist of the college, is telling the women of the State that when they feel in need of a bottle of iron to buy a new dress instead. "One is as old as she thinks she is; in order to keep young, try some new clothes instead of a bottle of medicine," declares Mrs. Barnes in her lectures.

This idea in raiment is sent broadcast over the State through the extension department of the college, and farm women especially are being urged to look to their garments for the renewed life which they may need. Mrs. Barnes is urging the country women to "perk up" and tells them it is not so much a problem of having the money to spend as knowing how to spend what they do have.

"One of the best tonics for the home-maker and the mother of the family is new clothes," she said. "Much of the self-consciousness and awkwardness of some of our women comes from ill fitting and ill designed clothes. One person who is well dressed will wear things suited to themselves. They will keep themselves well groomed and clean and dress with modesty and sincerity and not beyond their means."

The classes in the college clothing department and the correspondence courses are being

taught along these lines, and Mrs. Barnes declares the result is seen in happier, more self-respecting, and more independent women.

Not only the disposition but the countenance are benefitted by the joy of "knowing that you are well dressed," she said.

### CAPE FEAR SECOND DISTRICT CONVENTION.

By A. G. Sutton.

The 28th annual session of the Sunday School Convention of District No. 2, Cape Fear Presbyterian, convened with Calvary Presbyterian church, Wilkesboro, N. C., August 5, at 8:00 o'clock, according to program. The meeting was opened with song service led by Rev. W. D. Burgess, of Rocky Mount.

Owing to physical disability Mr. S. H. Vick was not present to make the welcome address. The delegation was made to feel welcome to all that Wilson and Calvary church could offer and give by Rev. A. H. George, pastor of Calvary.

Response was made by Mr. M. J. Parker, of Rocky Mount. All who heard Rev. George and Mr. Parker enjoyed their addresses very much. Mr. Parker spoke in behalf of the delegation as a whole.

"After singing 'We Are Gaining Ground,' Mr. H. L. Fuller, the President of the Convention, made his usual impressive annual address. He specifically outlined the necessity of constant practice in carrying out the great religious program.

The enrollment of delegates was the next in order. The local committee reported everything as working along smoothly.

Collection was taken by Mr. M. J. Parker, of Rocky Mount. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. M. S. Branch.

After service was over the members of the Convention were invited to hear the Wilberforce Quartet sing at the Globe Theatre.

Friday A. M., August 6th. Devotion and song service were led by Mr. J. A. Croom, of Goldsboro.

Bible study class was conducted by Rev. M. S. Branch, of Branch took as his theme "The Characteristics of the Prophet Daniel."

After the Bible study the meeting was turned over to the President, Rev. F. C. Shirley, of Charlotte, talked at length about "Leadership Training." He gave several outlines for successful leadership and asked the delegation to copy the same.

By motion and majority vote all members of other districts and visiting friends were permitted to sit as corresponding members of the Convention.

Dr. and Mrs. John A. Savage, of District No. 1, were present and made short talks on "Raising the Level of the Sunday School Offering;" also Elder R. W. Williamson gave a talk to the Convention. Dr. Savage gave a talk on "Better Presbyterian Churches." He stressed the need and benefit to be derived therefrom.

The New Bern delegate, Miss A. G. Sutton, gave some very helpful suggestions on the subject, "Some of the Best Methods of Getting the Maximum Service from Workers of the Sunday School."

After the closing song benediction was offered by Dr. Savage, of Oxford.

Friday Afternoon. The meeting was opened with fifteen minutes' song service and devotions led by Rev. W. H. Best, of Warsaw, and prayer offered by Rev. Shirley, of Charlotte.

Discussion of "Lifting the Level of the Sunday School," by Mr. Smith, of Smithfield; "How the D. V. B. S. Helps the Church," by Miss Lucile McRae, of Wilmington; "How the D. V. B. S. Helps the Communi-

ty," by Miss Margaret Adams, of Goldsboro, was the next order. Rev. Pharoah, of the A. M. E. Zion church, was seated with the Convention as corresponding delegate and spoke to the delegates in a pleasing way. He gave many good points on the work of the Sunday school as a whole.

Dr. C. Dillard, of Goldsboro, was called on to talk to the Convention members on any subject but he asked the President to wait until the night session and he would talk at the popular meeting.

Demonstration of the Daily Vacation Bible School was given by Misses Peacock and Kittrell. It was brought out in this demonstration work that the following periods were necessary for carrying out the program of the D. V. B. S.: 1, Devotion; 2, Memory Period; 3, Music; 4, Bible Study Period; 5, Closing Period. There are seven periods but only five were carried out.

The annual Leadership Institute as a means of increasing membership in the Sunday school was discussed by Rev. F. C. Shirley. Rev. Shirley said the business of the Sunday School Missionaries and their co-workers is to put forth a greater effort for efficient service in the various fields.

Dr. G. C. Shaw, of Mary Potter School, addressed the Convention in his own interesting way. So did Mrs. Shaw.

A vote of thanks was tendered Misses Peacock and Kittrell for their demonstration of the D. V. B. S. After the closing hymn the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Pharoah of the A. M. E. Zion church.

Friday, 8 o'clock P. M.

At this meeting the President announced that there would be a slight variation in the program from the usual custom. Miss Lucile McRae was mistress of ceremonies and a program was given. The program was as follows:

Music by congregation.  
Prayer, Rev. M. S. Branch.  
Music by congregation.  
Solo by Rev. W. D. Burgess.  
Instrumental solo by Miss Vivian Sampson.  
Duet, Misses Beckwith and Ray.

Music by congregation.  
Reading, Miss Collins.  
Address, "Tendencies of Negro Youth," Dr. C. Dillard, of Goldsboro.

Reading, Miss Faithful.  
Reading, Miss Elizabeth Rawlings.  
Reading, Miss Lucile McRae.

Collection was taken by Messrs. Smith and C. A. King and amounted to \$12.00.

Benediction by Dr. C. Dillard.  
Saturday, 9:30 A. M.

Song service was led by Mr. R. W. Kornegay, our Sabbath School Missionary.

After devotions the statistical reports were called for and the per capita tax paid. The district worker, Miss Kittrell, reported a very successful work having been done at Rocky Mount and Goldsboro.

Rocky Mount was selected for the next place of meeting, August, 1927.

The treasurer made his report as follows: Receipts, \$75.27; disbursements, \$79.22; deficit, \$4.35.

Next in order was the election of officers. By motion the present staff of officers was re-elected. One new officer was elected as Vice-President.

The committee for the Convention Program and popular meeting was retained. A new program committee will be selected for the popular meeting from the church that the Convention meets with.

The Resolutions committee are Rev. W. D. Burgess, Mr. C. H. Bynum and Miss Margaret Adams.

It was voted that a reporter to the Africo-American Presbyterian be elected and Miss Allie Grey Sutton, of New Bern, was chosen.

Miss Hilda Gordon Collins, the Junior Missionary delegate, made a report of the work she had done. We need more workers like Miss Collins.

Mr. Melford Bynum, of Kinston, also made a splendid report of the Christian Endeavor Society of which he is President. A motion by Rev. A. H. George and seconded by Mr. C. A. King that this Convention shall be known as the Sunday School Convention and Young Peoples' Societies was carried.

At this point the Convention closed. The delegates were asked to meet at the church at 8 o'clock to be taken to the Wilson Park for an outing.

The Convention adjourned to meet Sunday at 11 A. M., with Benediction by Rev. A. H. George.

### Sunday

Sunday at 11 A. M., members of the Convention with the Calvary choir filled the choir stand and the morning services began. Rev. J. W. Smith, pastor of the Chestnut Street Presbyterian church, of Wilmington, preached the annual sermon. His text was found in Hebrews 11:8, subject, "God's Call to Service." Rev. Smith is a wonderful speaker. He had many good things to say, and all who heard him were very much impressed by him.

The collection for the morning service was \$26.67. Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Smith.

At 12:45 the Model Sunday School was conducted by Mr. R. W. Kornegay, the Sabbath School Missionary. Mr. Kornegay used the opening and closing service by Marion Lawrence.

The vesper services were conducted by Rev. A. H. George on the lawn at Mr. S. H. Vick's home. This service was greatly enjoyed by all. Rev. George selected as text Matthew 5:20: "His subject was 'Extraordinary Christians.' He stressed the idea of striving to do those things above the ordinary. The collection was taken after which the Benediction was pronounced by Rev. George.

Sunday evening, August 8, at 8:00 o'clock, according to program, the last meeting of the Convention, known as the popular meeting, was held. At this meeting the delegates and local talent of Wilson gave a very nice program. The collection was \$17.20.

After reading the resolutions of thanks and announcements, the Convention adjourned to meet in Rocky Mount, August, 1927. The Benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. D. Burgess.

H. L. FULLER, President.  
R. D. MOORE, Secretary.  
A. G. SUTTON, Reporter.

### PRESBYTERIAL DISTRICT MEETING.

The Catawba Presbyterial District meeting will be held at Black's Memorial church, Monroe, on the 5th Sunday in August. Each church in the District should be represented.

MRS. ELI JEWELL, District Leader.

MRS. G. E. DAVIS, Presi-

### PRESBYTERIAL MEETING

The Presbytery of Fairfield will convene in stated fall session on September 8, 1926, at 7:30 P. M., with the Camden 2nd Presbyterian church, Camden, S. C. Each church will be expected to pay its full quota of the Presbyterial assessment of 3c per member at this meeting.

Reports from all standing and special committees will also be called for.

J. P. CRAWFORD, S. C.

All who are planning to attend the Fairfield Presbytery which is to meet in Camden, Sept. 8, will please notify Rev. W. I. P. Roseborough at once, 814 Market Street, Camden, S. C.

W. I. P. ROSEBOROUGH.