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

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IN AND OUT AND ROUND AND ABOUT IN YADKIN PRESBYTERY

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Beginning Thursday, August 5th, at 8:30 P. M., our first Sabbath School Convention for 1926 convened with Cherry St. Sabbath school, High Point. Despite the very stormy evening the opening exercise was fine, with a splendid opening sermon by Dr. J. C. Alston, of the Lloyd church, Winston-Salem. Much interest was shown by the enthusiastic workers of the district, who, at all times, are willing to work against odds to do their bit to make the Convention a success.

Friday, the busiest day of the Convention, was crammed full to the brim with very encouraging reports from the schools, also there were some very distinguished visitors who were accorded seats as corresponding members and each one favored us with a few but pointed words of encouragement.

Of the great work we are trying to accomplish we feel that we should say to our readers that the schools in this district made very creditable reports for the year. We have at least three schools in this district which, with a little reviewing, can be placed on the standard of excellence. Our District Convention can be improved. How? By the local schools adopting the idea of arranging for each delegate to attend the Convention on the opening day and to remain over Sunday. This will also necessitate the pastors' cooperation, which we earnestly appeal to them for in all phases of the work. So let us unite our efforts more firmly and begin now to develop and put our work on a higher level, with the ambition to make the best report for 1927, which will make the best Convention in its history.

Our next Convention met on the 2nd Thursday, August 12, with Silver Hill church and Sabbath school of which Rev. J. B. Francis is the very active pastor. Silver Hill is one of our rural district churches, situated in Scotland County, 10 miles from the nearest railroad station. The Convention opened at 8:30 P. M., with a splendid song service of 15 minutes by the Silver Hill choir. The Convention was then called to order by the Vice-President, Supt. W. M. Malloy. The Scripture lesson was read by Missionary G. R. Marsh.

The annual sermon was delivered from God's word by the retiring President, Rev. P. W. Toney, our pastor at Faith and Emanuel churches. This messenger of God brought to us a very instructive message that will continue to do us good if we will treasure the thoughts so plainly pictured to us. He used for his theme, "The Still Small Voice."

The addresses of welcome were highly accepted by the Convention. Space will not allow us to mention each address separately, but the welcome on the part of Mr. Raymond Monroe (white) was of such a nature that we feel that we would not do justice to our readers to omit publishing the keynote of his speech in which he said that he congratulated us in the great cause we represented and that he was one who liked the colored people and that he was mostly raised by them and that he welcomed us to all the pleasures of the vicinity.

The election of officers on Friday resulted as follows: President, W. T. Blue, Carthage; Vice-President, Mrs. Gertrude Clark, Laurel Hill; Recording Secretary, Miss Martha A. Kelly, Jonesboro; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Hadel Phillips, of Carthage; Treasurer, Mrs. Wm. J. Rankin, Aberdeen; Auditor, Rev. J. E. McMillan, Sanford; Corresponding Secretary, Missionary Geo. R. Marsh, Southern Pines.

The next order of note was the reports from local schools which were very encouraging as many improved activities were brought out in the reports such as the Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Leadership Training Institute, and the Children's Day contribution to the Department of S. S. Missions. This is especially encouraging to the directors of this worthy cause who are using every possible opportunity through their representatives, the Sabbath School Missionaries, to bring all schools up to the Standard of Excellence. The largest contribution reported sent in this year was from John Hall Sunday school, Carthage. The amount reported was \$50, a splendid contribution to the cause of missions. Let us ask our dear heavenly Father to continue to let the light of His countenance shine upon these good people who have such a vision of the missionary needs as to do their mite to help send the Gospel to the remotest region that boys and girls, men and women may know that there is pardon of their sins in Jesus whom to know aright is life eternal.

Again, we thank John Hall for contributing all they raised with a supplement to represent the cause that appeals to them.

The Convention was largely attended by members and friends of the cause. The Catechism Contest in the afternoon session created a deal of interest and I am sure it will be of interest to the other Conventions when we report two delegates from John Hall, one from Blandonia, and one from Faith Sunday school correctly answered every question in the Shorter Catechism. The Catechism Banner, which is the reward given by the Convention annually, will be equally divided between the Sabbath schools of John Hall church, Carthage, Blandonia, Sanford, and Faith at Aberdeen for the year.

At the popular meeting at 8 P. M. our program was climaxed with the address of Superintendent W. M. Malloy. The address was very helpful as the speaker pointed out very plainly what we must do to improve the Convention. And since we agree to his solution let us begin today with an ambition to make the Convention for 1927 the best in its history. Can we do it? Yes, we certainly can. So here we go with almost a year in advance with our program for renewed zeal.

Saturday, the 3rd day, was full, first of business, and second, some pleasure. On this day we heard the reports from all the committees, the Treasurer, Mrs. W. J. Rankin, and the Corresponding Secretary, Mr. Marsh, and the resolution of thanks. We closed the business of the Convention at 1 P. M. and took recreation until 8:30 in the evening.

The afternoon was spent by some of us at the community fair grounds, while a large number of us visited Laurinburg and while there we visited some of our friends, namely, Rev. J. B. Francis and Elder W. M. Malloy on Dixon Street. Then we met several of our old friends on the streets, such as Dr. N. E. Jackson, our own boy, better known to some of us as "Nat," who has a fine practice throughout the counties of Scotland and Richmond. He is not only a practicing physician, but a surgeon also. Then we called at the White Front Store to greet our friend and brother, the Hon. W. P. Evans, who has one of the neatest general stores that carries a full line of dry goods and groceries to be found anywhere in the South, and of the leading brands. Truly the Evans' White Front Store is an

enterprise that we, the colored race, is proud of.

At 8:30 we reassembled at Silver Hill for the annual concert, arranged by Mrs. Rankin and others, which proved to be a real treat. The program was fine, consisting of select readings, solos, quartettes, recitations, etc. The neat sum of \$11 was raised by Rev. J. E. McMillan and G. R. Marsh.

Sunday being the fourth and last day of the Convention and considered by all as the choice of all the days, the people came from far and near to witness the closing of the Convention. We began our day's task with the Model Sunday School at 9:45, with Missionary G. R. Marsh, acting superintendent, assisted by Miss Gertrude Clark of Marsh's Mission, and others and a full corps of teachers, previously selected from the delegation and friends present. The school was catechised by Elder W. A. Blue, of Carthage. We also enjoyed very fitting music selections, furnished by Mrs. Annie D. Blue, also of John Hall. The prize offered for the best report on finance went to class No. 1 (adult Bible) taught by the President, Mr. W. T. Blue. The total collection was about \$19.37.

At 11 o'clock the annual sermon was delivered by the Rev. Paul N. Boykin, of John Hall church, Carthage, who proved to us that he is one of God's messengers, a soldier of the cross, and a follower of the Lamb. This was a real soul-reviving message, reaffirming our willingness to own His cause. We were next favored with some very much enjoyed spirituals led by Rev. L. J. McRae, of Chapel Hill church, and following this was the collection by Superintendents W. M. Malloy and W. T. Blue. The total amount collected was \$54.33.

At 3 P. M. was the closing session, a popular meeting. Some of the best selections were heard at this session. Our closing address was a treasury of good thoughts, bright ideas, elevating and instructive, delivered to us by Elder W. P. Evans, of Laurinburg. We deem it unnecessary to attempt to comment on the address of Mr. Evans, first because he is so well known to us, and his ability to entertain any audience is beyond question. I need to say the Convention is very grateful to Mr. Evans for his very helpful and instructive address. And on the behalf of the Convention I want to thank Mr. Evans over and over again for his interest shown by words and actions.

The music furnished by the choir was grand. Rev. J. B. Francis and his corps of workers spared no pains in making our stay while there a pleasant one.

The daily luncheon served on the grounds was of the highest type. The community was so united in the effort to make the Convention a success that the tables in the beautiful grove were laden with food when seemingly every one had been served to the utmost capacity. We understood that Silver Hill was assisted with the luncheon by Nashville Baptist people and Marsh's Memorial Mission, of Laurel Hill.

We adjourned at 5 P. M. to convene on the second Thursday in August, 1927, with Blandonia Sunday school, Sanford.

On the third Thursday in August, the 19th, our third Sabbath School Convention (the Western) met with Church Street church, Salisbury, and opened with an inspirational song service by the choir, the pianist being Miss White, of Church St. church. This Convention is the largest of the three in the Yadkin Presbytery in membership. Very successful work is being done. We placed our special D. V. B. S. worker in this district this year in the person of Mrs. A. J. Harris, of Winston-Salem, who rendered a very helpful

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FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERY

Fairfield Presbytery convened in stated meeting in the Second Presbyterian church of Camden, S. C., with Rev. W. I. P. Roseborough, stated supply, Wednesday evening, 8:20 o'clock, September 8th, 1926. The retiring Moderator, Rev. I. P. Pogue, D. D., preached an interesting and thoughtful sermon from Matthew 11:28: "Come," Mark 14:34, "Tarry," Luke 9:60, "Go." He called it a sermon of verbs. At the close of the sermon the Presbytery was constituted with prayer by the Rev. T. H. Ayers.

The roll was made out showing an unusually large attendance of ministers and elders. The election of Moderator resulted in the choice of Rev. E. W. Allen, Irmo, S. C., unanimously. Revs. A. U. Frierson and R. E. Foster were made temporary clerks.

The committee on arrangements reported through its chairman, the Rev. W. I. P. Roseborough, and recommended that the Presbytery hold two business sessions daily, opening at 9:00 A. M. and closing at 5:30 P. M. The report provided also for the usual recess periods, popular meetings, and a noonday devotional to consist mainly of preaching. The report and recommendations were approved. The chairman of the committee introduced the Rev. F. Bradford, pastor of the E. E. church of Camden, who extended the Presbytery a most cordial welcome on the part of the city churches.

The response on the behalf of the Presbytery was made by Rev. A. U. Frierson. A few details closed this opening session. The second day of this meeting was a high day. It was featured first of all by the splendid reports, all of which showed careful study and preparation by the various chairmen of the standing committees. More than usual interest was stirred by and taken in these reports as was manifested by the range of their discussion. Second, the promptness and despatch with which the various temporary committees handled the business entrusted to them, and the manner in which the Moderator disposed of the Presbyterial matters was remarkable. Third, a noticeably large number of visiting ministers were given seats as corresponding members, and from time to time made ringing and cheering remarks.

The Stated Clerk read the minutes of the Spring meeting as information. He reported a communication from the session of Carmel church, Chester, S. C., to the effect that the session had complied with the order sent down from the Presbytery at its last meeting. This paper was put in the hands of the Committee on Bills and Overtures, consisting of Revs. G. T. Dillard, D. D., J. P. Foster and Elder F. K. Butler. The committee reported favorably and the matter appertained to was closed.

The hour fixed for noonday devotionals having arrived the Presbytery suspended routine and listened to a most inspiring and helpful sermon by the Rev. E. W. Allen, Moderator, from Matt. 5:14, 15. Rev. J. P. Foster read the Scripture lesson, Gen. 3, and Rev. T. H. Ayers, D. D., presented the preacher. Closing prayer was offered by Dr. Long.

Presbytery recessed after prayer was made by Rev. F. Bradford. In the afternoon session the commissioners to the late General Assembly at Baltimore, Md., gave account of themselves, were commended for faithfulness and discharged.

It only remained to reach the order for nominations of commissioners to the next General Assembly for things to wax exceedingly warm. But after elements of excitement and haze had passed

the final count fixed the choice as follows:—Principal ministerial commissioner, G. W. Long, D. D.; alternate, M. J. Jackson, D. D.; principal lay commissioner, Elder F. K. Butler; alternate, Elder Robert Ayers.

The program for the popular meeting was arranged by Revs. G. T. Dillard, J. P. Foster and Elders F. K. Butler. The report of committee as to theme and speakers was received and the recommendations were adopted with slight modifications.

Presbytery recessed with prayer and the Apostolic Benediction by the Moderator.

The popular meeting was carried out in great shape. The speakers—Prof. E. L. Avery, Geo. Fish Graded School, Fort Mill, S. C., Dr. G. T. Dillard, Columbia, and Dr. C. M. Young, President of Harbison College, Irmo, S. C., covered themselves with glory.

A most graceful and soulful welcome was extended the Presbytery by the Mayor, the Hon. C. P. DuBose, of the city of Camden. The response was fittingly made by Dr. G. W. Long.

Friday, the closing day, was full. The Presbytery received the Rev. W. I. P. Roseborough by letter from the Presbytery of Hodge, granted a letter of dismissal to the Rev. J. H. Gamble to unite with the Presbytery of Catawba and granted the Rev. F. D. Nance permission to labor without its bounds.

When the hour of the noonday devotionals arrived the Revs. T. H. Ayers, D. D., R. E. Foster, D. D., and G. M. Ulmer took the platform. Rev. Ayers read Mark 11:1-11. Prayer was offered by Rev. R. E. Foster. Rev. Ulmer preached from the 11th verse of the chapter read to the help and edification of all. The next place of meeting was

fixed. Melina, of which the Rev. W. T. Bruton is supply, was chosen.

Resolutions of thanks and appreciation were read and approved unanimously by the Presbytery. The minutes were read and approved. Thus closed one of the most delightful and profitable meetings passing into the annals of Fairfield Presbytery.

REPORTER.

COLLEGE EXHIBITS MOST PROMINENT AT SESQU.

Philadelphia, Pa.—The readers of many weekly race periodicals will be pleased to learn of the prominence of our Educational institutions exhibiting at the Sesqui-Centennial. Among the latest to be installed is Tuskegee with their many interesting and picturesque settings of all the prominent buildings of this great institution. Visitors through this booth daily carefully scrutinizing every interesting feature.

The State of North Carolina, with its many schools from elementary grades to the highest degree of college life, is descriptively demonstrated in one of the most artistically arranged booths in our composite section of the Negro activities.

Doctor Wilbur L. Archer in personal charge of the Emergency Hospital booth assisted by Miss Priscilla Morris, nurse, has proved a great asset to the Exposition proper. He has treated to date one hundred sixty-two (162) emergency cases. He has gained the respect and admiration of the many hundreds of employees who know of his willingness to give first aid to those who need his professional services.

Adolph Sixto, Virgin Islands representative to the Sesqui-Centennial Exposition, is one of the few outstanding characters whom visitors seek for his wonderful store of information relative to the growth of foreign countries. Speaking several languages and well versed along all lines he has added much to the attraction of the great Exhibit of which he is the great representative head. Honorable Ernest Lyons, re-

presenting the Department of Commerce, visited the Exposition in the interest of the Exhibit of the United States Government relative to the groups' achievements. The Exhibit furnished by the United States Government will be displayed in a specially constructed artistic booth. There will be seen inventions, charts, drawings, models, etc., that are of an interesting nature.

AT INGLESIDE SEMINARY, BURKEVILLE, VA.

On last Wednesday, September 15, Misses Pansy Craig and Bertha Morrison, of Shiloh Presbyterian church, Waxhaw, motored through the country to Charlotte and, after spending few hours with relatives and friends, boarded the train for Ingleside Seminary, Burkeville, Va., and, according to their first letter to those interested in seeing them have an opportunity for self-improvement, they are now both matriculated and happily situated in this school, already noted for its high class Christian training and the large number of teachers it has furnished for that section of Virginia and elsewhere.

To those who brought this matter to the attention of the above named young ladies, they write: "We like the school fine. We hope the time will come when we can show you how much we appreciate what you have done for us."

It is hoped that this church will also be represented in the near future in Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C., by some young men where Miss Leona Fisher, also of the Waxhaw church, is a student.

DO NOT INHERIT "T. B."—IT IS COMMUNICABLE.

Sanatorium, September 15th.—Previous to Koch's discovery of the tubercle bacilli, and among ignorant people since, it has been held that tuberculosis is inherited. It is now known that it is not inherited, but infectious or communicable. It is also generally agreed that most infections occur in childhood. The germs of tuberculosis are found in the sputum or spit that consumptives cough up. Intimate and close association of the well with the sick may lead to infection if proper precautions are not taken. Probably most infections occur from inhaling air in which are large numbers of the germs, or the germs are conveyed to the mouth on the fingers or in food contaminated from floors, sidewalks and gutters where consumptives spit.

Physicians declare that large numbers of persons contain in their systems the tubercle bacilli. With the tubercle bacilli so general and widespread right living is the best means of preventing the disease. Rest, food and fresh air are today the recognized essentials for the cure of the disease. Methods of living that will cure the disease will also prevent it.

MOORESVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NOTES.

During the week of September 6-12, our pastor, Rev. J. A. Ramseur, assisted by Dr. I. H. Russell, carried on one of the most powerful revivals that the church has ever known. Every sermon was inspiring. Dr. Russell made us clearly see that our home and church work would be more successful if the members would mend "The Little Leaks in Their Religion." Those who contributed the largest sums of money for Dr. Russell were Mrs. Bertha Williams and Mr. E. D. Phifer.

Mr. Ernest Friday, our Sunday school Superintendent, made a very helpful and interesting report from the School of Methods which was recently held at Charlotte.