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

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HOW IT FEELS GOING TO EUROPE

By Rev. A. B. McCoy, D. D.

S. S. New Amsterdam,
Mid-Ocean,
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Goodbye to friends, a kiss and a tear for home folks, aboard the train for New York and we are off on our first lap to Europe. Final details are attended to in New York and I mean some details! I at last struck a point where all of Uncle Sam's "chillun" are one. Every American citizen that leaves these shores must do the same thing.

A visit to the steamer the day before sailing added the first real kick. Due to sail Saturday A. M. at 10 the schedule was changed over night to sail at 9, one hour earlier. Notices were sent out. We missed ours. Result: We crossed the gang plank just one minute before it was raised. Moral: Advantage of being a Sunday school missionary—they never get left by trains.

There were some pleasant surprises. Dr. Holley and his "lady friend" saw us off. In our cabin was a lunch by mail from friends, candy and flowers. Letters bidding us bon voyage came from Mrs. Agnes B. Snively and Miss Cora Duncan, of Pittsburgh, Miss Maude A. Kinniburgh, of Barber College, Miss Dorothy Kinniburgh, and Miss Bell of Kansas, Miss Smith of California, Miss Doolittle, of Iowa, and Miss Wolf of New York. Some of these messages were sent special delivery.

Candy and flowers came from Mr. and Mrs. Somerndike, of New York. All of this was so thoughtful of the part of our friends, so new and unexpected to us, but greatly appreciated. It was impossible to record our feelings.

Three sounds of the whistle and we are off. A salute to the Statue of Liberty and we are gone. Travel is light going East at this time of the year. There are about 200 passengers. We are the only representatives of Ham. Most are Dutch. All are extremely nice. We are seated at the Purser's table, which is a coveted position—by some. The lovely flowers from the Somerndikes are put on the table in the dining room to the delight of all. Although this is the 8th day out the flowers are still fresh and exceedingly attractive. I was anxious to have everybody at the table know that these flowers were ours. Mrs. McCoy advised silence. I held out for two days. The third day I bleated out the facts about these flowers. Meals tasted better after then.

Among the pleasant surprises before we left New York was a purse sent by telegram from the Canadian Convention in session at Cotton Plant, Ark.

It is remarkable how close people get together when they are surrounded by water and can see nothing but water, water, water.

This is Saturday and we are planning to land at Rotterdam sometime Tuesday A. M. Our Conference opens Tuesday night in Belgium. The sea has been fine, except one or two days. Mrs. McCoy bowed for two days to His Highness, Neptune, but I completely ignored his existence.

I have often wished for our friend, Dr. Dillard. We eat six times a day and we are always ready.

We read, we eat, we sleep. Then in order to change the monotony, we eat and we read, but with the "Missus" along it is not lonesome.

My next letter will be on "How It Feels To Be In Europe." That is if we ever get there. One never knows what will happen with all this water at your feet.

If the preacher is not gifted, remember that you can bring a large torch to a small taper and carry away a great blaze.

YADKIN WESTERN DISTRICT CONVENTION.

The Western District Sunday School Convention of the Presbytery of Yadkin held its 36th annual meeting at Church St. church, Salisbury, Thursday, August 19th to Sunday, 22nd.

Thursday, August 19th, at 2 o'clock P. M., the Superintendents met in conference with Mr. W. A. Howard as President. After a short devotional service there were brief discussions on the following subjects:

"The Superintendent as a Bible Student and Teacher," by Mr. T. L. Hart; "The Week-Day Educational Program of the Sunday School," by Mr. W. A. Cowan; "Are Our Sunday Schools Giving Our Young People Proper Training in Religious Activities?" Mr. John A. Smoot. The conference was very interesting and each subject was discussed fully by the Superintendents.

At 7:30 the Convention was called to order by the President, Mr. John A. Smoot. The opening prayer was offered by Rev. J. L. Hollowell, D. D. Church Street choir furnished excellent music. Mr. G. L. White, in a most cordial way, welcomed the Convention to the city, to the church and to their homes. Dr. A. D. Lord responded to this address.

The annual address was delivered by the President, Mr. John A. Smoot. In his address he emphasized the importance of the young people taking an active part in the work of the Convention.

The following officers were elected: President, Dr. A. D. Lord; Vice-President, Mr. G. L. White; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Massey; Assistant Secretary, Mrs. Senora Peyton; Treasurer, Mrs. S. M. Murray; Financial Secretary, Rev. W. A. Hawkins; Corresponding Secretary, John H. Smith. After the report of the local committee the offering was taken, which amounted to \$5.10. Benediction by Rev. J. M. Morton.

Friday, 9:00 A. M.
Devotional service was conducted by Superintendent Wm. A. Cowan. For 35 minutes a very interesting discussion was held which was a profit to all present. The business of the Convention was next taken up. The reports from different schools showed an increase in membership. Mt. Tabor Sunday School led the schools of the Convention in having the highest average attendance during the year.

A paper, "Some Sunday School Problems and How to Meet Them," was read by Mrs. Senora Peyton. This paper was full of good suggestions and was further discussed by Dr. Hollowell, Mr. Hart and Dr. Dockery. Convention adjourned until 2 o'clock P. M.

The people of Salisbury gave us dinner at the church. The choicest dishes of the season and every one ate and was full; still there was plenty left on the table. The delegates will not forget this splendid dinner soon.

Afternoon Session, 2 o'clock
Convention opened with prayer by Rev. L. M. Onque. A departmental conference was conducted by the following persons: "Children's Division," Mrs. Lucy Dulin; "Young People's Division," by Rev. L. M. Onque, also "The Adult Division." These conferences were well conducted and much helpful information was given. Dr. Hollowell demonstrated the Daily Vacation Bible School. He showed how it reached the boys and girls who did not attend Sunday school. A paper was read by Miss Addie Henderson, "What Constitutes An Ideal Bible Class," and a paper, "The Child's Part in the Beginner's Program," by Miss Naomi Lynch.

Friday Night's Session.

The Convention was opened with music by the Church St. choir and prayer by Dr. Dockery. A paper was read by Miss Aurelia Young, "The Youth Movement and the Christian Church." "The Importance of a Well Organized School" was discussed by Mr. R. A. Cowan.

A duet was sung by Mrs. L. R. Cheshire and Mrs. Victoria Butner, "Thy Will Be Done."

Miss Lucile Holt very beautifully illustrated the Teacher-Training Class. There was a solo, "Hosanna," by Mrs. J. A. McCorkle.

An address, "Religious Leadership and the Present Day Task," was delivered by Rev. Z. A. Dockery, D. D. He said that leaders should be God-fearing men. man's whole duty is to love and fear God.

The next number was a solo, Mr. John H. Smith, "An Angel Rolled the Stone Away."

What the Synodical Convention and School of Methods has meant to the Sunday schools of the Synod was told by Mrs. S. M. Murray.

Saturday

Saturday morning Bible study was conducted by J. H. Smith, after which the Catechism Contest was conducted by Mrs. S. M. Murray and Mrs. J. L. Hollowell. The successful contestant was Mr. Raymond Neely from Mt. Vernon church.

Sunday

A Model Sunday school was conducted at 9:45 Sunday morning.

The annual sermon was preached at 11 o'clock by Rev. L. M. Onque, pastor of Mocksville and Mt. Vernon churches. He used as his text the 20th chapter of Matt. and the 28th verse: "For as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto; but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many." His subject was "Service." Give to the world the best that you have and the best will come back to you. Christ's life was a life of service. That the service might be helpful he died on the cross that all might be saved. Through the death of a Saviour the whole world was set free. The cross has been a drawing power and will still be until all men are drawn to Christ. The only life worth living is the life spent in service; the service that lifts men and draws men from sin and brings them back to God. It may not bring earthly honor or fame but will bring returns greater than these. We must rescue men from themselves, from their passions. The big job is to redeem men's souls from the power of sin. The souls of men are so costly that it brought the Son of God from heaven who laid aside His glory and came down to earth to give His life a ransom for man's soul. The big job of the church is not to build great churches, but to save men's souls. If the plan of Christ fails it will be because the men and women of the church fail to save men's souls.

In saving souls we are building for eternity. Those who are busy in redeeming men's souls will have built a building that will last as long as eternity lasts. Such a service cannot be rendered unless we make a sacrifice. Jesus made a sacrifice when He laid down His own life to save the world of men. Since God could not save the world without a sacrifice neither can we save the souls of men without making a sacrifice. The world demands more sacrifice than the church, but offers nothing worth while. The church is asking only for our time and service and offers an everlasting reward.

Let us take Christ as our example. Christ was a friend of sinners. We must show kindness and love for them if we would serve them. Jesus did not seek the high and lofty, but He sought the humble, lowly, the poor, the ones polluted with sin. So must we seek the ones who

need to be saved from sin and shame.

This was a most excellent sermon, well delivered and was enjoyed by all present.

Sunday afternoon at three o'clock the program began with music by the choir. Then there was a paper, "The Place of Recreation in the Christian's Program of Life," by Miss Hattie Correll. This paper was full of good points and helpful information. There was another paper, "How to Organize a Group of Boys for Extension Work," by Miss Parks. This paper told how to organize this special work and outlined some of its activities. There were several other good papers of which we have not time to speak.

The Convention closed by singing, "God Be With You Till We Meet Again." The Convention will meet at Mt. Tabor church, August, 1927.

JOHN H. SMITH,
Corresponding Secretary.

ATLANTIC SYNOD

This Synod meets on the 27th of October in Zion church on Calhoun Street, near Meeting, Charleston, S. C., at 7:30 P. M.

Standing Committees

Foreign Missions—
Rev. I. D. Davis, D. D. The Presbyterial chairmen of this Department are his associates.

National Missions—
Rev. G. T. Dillard, D. D., Columbia, S. C.; Rev. S. T. Redd, Savannah, Ga.; Rev. E. J. Gregg, D. D., Jacksonville, Fla.; Rev. S. H. Scott, John's Island, S. C.; Rev. J. E. Jackson, D. D., Columbia, S. C.; Rev. J. R. Pearson, D. D., Charleston, S. C.

Christian Education—
Rev. J. W. Holley, D. D., LL. D., Albany, Ga.; Rev. W. T. Prasier, D. D., Charleston, S. C.; Rev. O. M. McAdams, Columbia, S. C.; Rev. Franklin Gregg, Newnan, Ga.; Rev. A. U. Frieron, D. D., Lancaster, S. C.; Mr. F. K. Butler, Columbia, S. C.

Sunday School Work—
Rev. J. E. Jackson, D. D., Columbia, S. C.

Young People's Work—
Rev. J. H. Toatley, Due West, S. C.

Relief and Sustentation—
Rev. S. Q. Mitchell, Brunswick, Ga.

Presbyterial chairmen of this Department are his associates.

We have received notice from the following brethren stating that they will be present at the meeting of this sitting of Atlantic Synod to represent the following causes: Dr. George P. Horst, the Department of Men's Work and Christian Education; Dr. William Provine, the Board of Sustentation; and Dr. J. M. Gaston, whatever field he chooses, as he simply states that he is planning to be with us.

Please come prepared to pay your full Synodical assessment of five cents a member. This is a very small amount. The Treasurer, Dr. E. J. Gregg, at Jacksonville, Fla., will notify you.

You will relieve Rev. G. E. Henderson, who is to entertain the Synod, if you will notify him of your intention to attend the meeting of the Synod, and how many from your church. As a general rule the first person to appear on the scene is some one who does not notify the local pastor of intention to attend these meetings, on the ground: "You know I always come." Brother Henderson will prepare for those who notify him. Don't forget this lest you come and find yourself entertaining yourself.

W. L. METZ,
Stated Clerk Atlantic Synod.

THE HAPPIEST HOMES.

The happiest, sweetest, tenderest homes are not those where there has been no sorrow, but those which have been overshadowed with grief and where Christ's comfort was accepted.—J. R. Miller.

DEATH OF A FAITHFUL ELDER.

On Friday morning, August 10th, 1926, our heavenly Father called from labor to reward Mr. Henry Burroughs, of Dalzell, S. C., one of the oldest members of Ebenezer Presbyterian church, who for many years served as an elder, chorister of the church choir and Superintendent of the Sunday school.

His cry always was, "I don't want to be sick long," and it seems as if his prayers were answered, for God did not allow this faithful servant to suffer long.

Seemingly in his usual health (though for some time he had been complaining), at 5 o'clock Friday morning he arose from his bed, looked out of the window, immediately sat down, and in a few moments his spirit had passed to that land from which none has ever returned. His sudden death was indeed a shock to the entire community, and his passing has deprived the community of a man of rare character.

His life was indeed an unselfish one; he worked incessantly for God and humanity. His disposition was one of encouragement and solace to any in distress, or comfort. In adversity of whatever kind he looked for the bright side of things.

For one of his years, having passed the 73rd milestone, he was exceptionally wide awake along all lines pertaining to the advancement of the church and Sunday school, and was indeed a model for his followers.

One especially commendable quality of Elder Burroughs was his regard for punctuality and faithfulness. For more than thirty years he was never known to be absent or late from his post of duty unless hindered by sickness.

The funeral services were held in Ebenezer church, Dalzell, S. C., of which he was a consistent member for more than fifty years. Long before the funeral hour the church was crowded to its uttermost capacity with sorrowing friends.

Suitable to a life so well spent and ended Rev. M. J. Jackson took his text from II Timothy, 4th chapter, 7th and 8th verses, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith;

"Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord the righteous judge shall give me at that day; and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing."

Misses Bernice Stokes and Almeta Haynesworth sang sweetly, "Safely I Rest," after which very impressive remarks on the life of the deceased as an Elder, Superintendent, Chorister and Citizen were made by different friends.

The entire Sabbath school turned out in a body. The female members of the Junior Department, dressed in white and acting as flower girls, made quite a sad, yet a beautiful picture.

The Odd Fellows, Household of Ruth and the Burial Aid Societies turned out in full and gave due honor to their worthy friend.

A loving wife, three daughters, three sons, and a host of friends are left to mourn their loss.

The remains were laid to rest in Ebenezer cemetery.

"There's a beautiful home over there,
Where the angels in rapture abide;
'Tis a home everlasting and fair,
Where our dear ones shall ever reside.

"He has gone to this home over there,
He has gone from his teaching to rest;
He has gone to instruction above,
He has gone to the realm of the blest."

A FRIEND.

FAIRFIELD PRESBYTERIAL

The Women's Society of Fairfield Presbytery held its fall session in the Parochial School building at Camden, S. C., September 9, 1926, with Mrs. G. W. Long presiding.

The meeting was opened with an inspiring praise service, led by Mrs. Sims, of Columbia.

Roll call was next in order and was responded to by delegates present.

Mrs. Long spoke very encouragingly of the work that had had been accomplished, and expressed thanks for the hearty support given by the District Superintendents. She asked that each church strive to have a missionary society, not only for grown ups but young people as well. The quota for each society was read and explained that delegates could get a better understanding and carry it back to the society.

Praise service Friday morning was led by Mrs. Benson, of Lancaster, and Mrs. Witherpoon of Cheraw.

The Presbyterial was pleased to enroll as an associate member Mrs. C. M. Young, of McClelland Presbyterial, who gave a very inspiring address.

The minutes of the spring session were read, received and adopted.

Miss Helen Usher, of Sumter, earnestly urged that each one try to organize a Study Class, so that the people may learn more about missions.

Mrs. D. T. Murray, Y. P. Secretary, reported several societies organized and asked for prayers that greater work might be accomplished.

The information given by the President of the high regard the Boards have for the efficiency of Mrs. M. Jones received with hearty applause. Mrs. Jones told of visiting each Presbytery in the Synod and of the growth of the societies.

Coulter Academy is the school for which we are doing special work this year. This new feature was received with much enthusiasm.

The body chose as its representative to the biennial meeting in Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. G. W. Long, who has rendered such unselfish service as President of the Presbyterial.

The following program was rendered Friday night:

Music, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Scripture Lesson, read by Mrs. Mattie Johnson.

Prayer, Miss Bessie Sutton.

Music.

Welcome Address, Mrs. Angie Thompson.

Response, Miss Helen Usher.

Solo, Miss Theresa Stephenson.

Greetings from McClelland Presbytery, Mrs. C. M. Young.

Paper, "The Idea of Christian Missions," Mrs. Bertie Witherpoon.

Solo, Miss Jennie McLester.

Reading, Mrs. I. D. Davis.

Paper, "The Call of Opportunity," Mrs. Belle Vincent.

Music.

The offering was \$20.

The members and friends of Camden Second deserve much praise for the royal entertainment given.

M. LOUISE FOSTER,
Recording Secretary.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES AT JOHN HALL CHAPEL, CHARLOTTE.

We have been silent at John Hall for some time, but nevertheless we have been working very hard.

Sunday morning services were largely attended. Six persons were added to the church.

The Brotherhood is still alive and working faithfully under the leadership of the efficient President, Mr. H. A. Goins. The meetings for the past month were held at the manse and Mr. Herbert Hayes' home. The

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