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## THE ANNUAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE.

The next Annual Conference of Workers in the Division of Missions for Colored People under the Board of National Missions will be held January 25-28, 1927, at Johnson C. Smith University. Plans are being laid to make this the most interesting and profitable meeting of our ministers and teachers ever held under the auspices of the Board. Dr. Gaston, Secretary of the Division, is now busy making up the Conference program, which will be announced at an early date.

One of the notable persons who are expected to attend this Conference is Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, the gracious lady whose benefactions started the University on its present upward way. Mrs. Smith is deeply interested in all phases of our work and always has a word of encouragement for those from the "firing line" where the work is hardest and the hardships are greatest.

Ample provision will be made for the entertainment of all who may attend the Conference, and every minister and teacher and other worker who can possibly do so should arrange to come. Begin now to get ready for the Workers' Conference of 1927.

## LIEUT. OXLEY'S APPOINTMENT.

It is encouraging to the Negro race when one of its members is appointed or elected to a place of responsibility, trust and honor by bodies governed and controlled by the white race, as in the case of the recent appointment of Lieut. Lawrence A. Oxley as Vice-Commander of the North Carolina Division of the American Legion which appointment carries with it, as we understand, membership on the Executive Committee. Lieut. Oxley is doing a fine work as head of the Bureau of Work Among Negroes of the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare.

## DR. DILLARD'S APPEAL.

The appeal that Dr. Clarence Dillard makes to the churches of Cape Fear Presbytery applies with only slight adaptation to our other Presbyteries. All should do their utmost to raise the apportionment to meet Church obligations this year. The success of the effort depends largely upon our ministers and church officials. If they will lead courageously we believe the people will follow to the desired achievement.

## ELECTROTYPES FOR CHURCH BULLETINS.

The General Council  
155 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

November 27, 1926.

To Editors of Synodical and Presbyterial Publications:  
We are offering free to churches an electrotype, size 2 3/4 x 3, for use in church calendars in December.

The cut shows an old time bookkeeper seated at an accounting desk and he is called "Ben. E. Volence." The following reading appears on cut:

Dear Presbyterians All:  
It's hard figuring these days 1927 nearly gone and December ends third quarter of church year. Churches have sent to Boards less than half the budget. Interest charges on funds borrowed to meet expenses are mounting high.

All the folks in the churches ought to pay subscriptions right up to date and every treasurer should promptly remit money needed to meet obligations of the Boards.

Yours for pledging and paying,  
**BEN. E. VOLENCE.**

For the General Council and Four Boards  
The Presbyterian Church, in the U. S. A.

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The General Council  
Room 1209  
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## CONFERENCE ON NEGRO EDUCATION.

A State Wide Conference on Negro Education will convene at Shaw University, Raleigh, December 11, 1926, beginning at 11 A. M.

Dr. E. E. Smith, Principal of State Normal School, Fayetteville, will preside as Chairman of this Conference, which will consider particularly some of the problems pertaining to Institutions of Higher Learning.

Committees have been appointed and are to report their findings on the following topics:

1. Training and qualifications of College and Normal School instructors. Possibly, a salary schedule may be recommended to the Boards of Trustees for public institutions.

2. A study of college entrance requirements and transfer of credits.

3. Outline of policies, objectives and aims of the various types or institutions. Each Institution of Higher Learning will be allowed to present its plans and policies through some representative.

## CAPE FEAR PRESBYTERY.

Dear Brethren:

The Presbyterian Church is painfully in need of money to meet its pressing obligations. The fact is, our great Church is in debt, and its credit and honor are endangered. The Boards must close the Church year without debt.

Our Presbytery, while it did not raise its full apportionment last year, it did lead all of the Presbyteries of Catawba Synod in the matter of contributions. Ours is the banner Presbytery. Our portion of the budget (\$3534) must be raised this year by all means. We promised to raise it and as loyal Christians, we must live up to our promise. I am, therefore, urging every church within our bounds to raise its apportionment and forward same as soon as possible. Why not make special efforts during the approaching holidays?

Sincerely,  
**C. DILLARD,**  
Chairman.

## CAN NOT DO WITHOUT THE PAPER.

Rose Hill, Va.  
Nov. 29, 1926.  
Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D.,  
Charlotte, N. C.

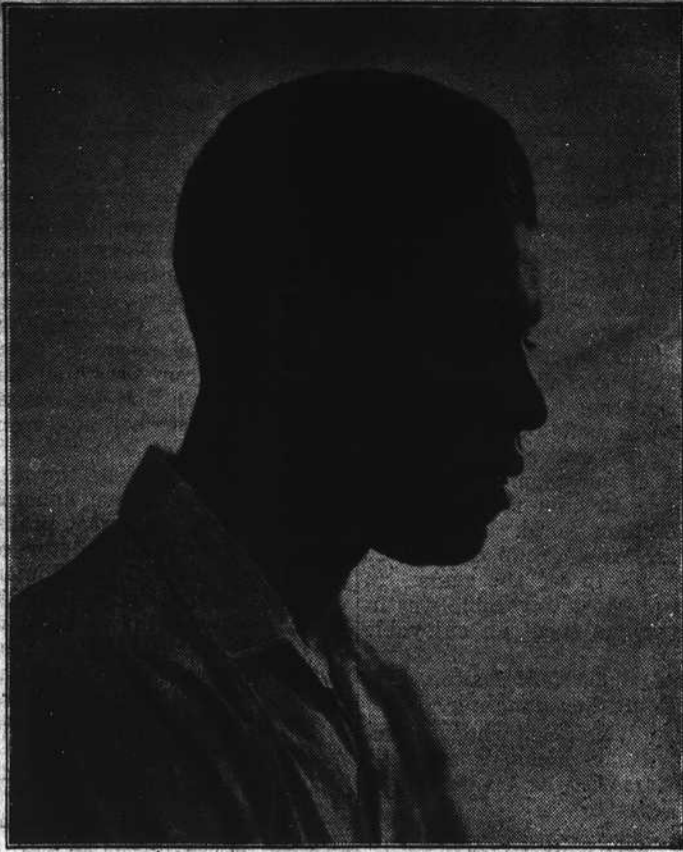
My Dear Doctor:

I am sending \$1.50 as a renewal of my subscription for another year.

We can not do without the paper.

Fraternally,  
**J. M. EWING.**

## ROLAND HAYES



## ROLAND HAYES TRIUMPHS IN RECITAL AT CHARLOTTE—BRILLIANT AUDIENCE—CAPACITY

The City Auditorium, famous for the great musical performances that have been given there in a generation,—musical festivals, concerts, recitals, by artists and international celebrities, world famed for their achievements in the music art,—was the scene of a vast audience, Tuesday evening, November 23rd, of nearly three thousand people representing the culture and best civic life of two races, not only of Charlotte and the Piedmont section of North Carolina, but also the cities and towns of the adjacent States, Virginia, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. More than one third of the audience was white patrons. All came to hear Roland Hayes sing.

Mr. Hayes returned to this country in November fresh from his European tour, and started on his Western tour of the United States, the Pacific Coast and South America, beginning in New York. This was Mr. Hayes' premier appearance in Charlotte and the only engagement in North Carolina and this section of the South this season.

Mr. Hayes came to Charlotte under the auspices of Johnson C. Smith University and the institution was happy in presenting an artist, irrespective of color, that the music critics all over the world acclaim the most outstanding singer of the time. To quote from the "Charlotte Daily Observer" and the "Charlotte Evening News": "The recital by Roland Hayes drew an audience to the City Auditorium, the largest in its history, a third being white; only on two occasions before were there as many, one a few years ago when Caruso was here, and last Spring when Marion Talley sang." The papers say further, "that seldom if ever has a more perfect musical performance been given in Charlotte."

"Singing with a rich, clear tenor, the singer showed a magnificent range of voice and was a full and complete master of every note he attempted."

Mr. Hayes' personality is outstanding in that he preserves a characteristic modesty, his graceful air of unassuming accomplishments.

He is admirably equipped with the highest type of musicianship, technique and artistic method or interpretation, with intelligence, feeling, insight, restraint, sympathy, and free from all affectation, possessing a voice distinctively "Hayesian," the which music critics of both America and Europe have said that it has no superior.

Mr. Hayes was given an ovation when he stepped out on the stage. He waited a while, then by his serious demeanor and a slight wave of the hand to secure absolute silence, he began the program with a group of two Italian songs, "Selva Amiche," "Gadara," "Elvira rosa,"

and Beethoven's charming "Adelaide."

The audience was at once enraptured, and as an encore Handel's "Softly, Gently, Kindly," was given as a response to insistent applause.

The second group was from the German leader:

"Der jungling and der Quelle," (The youth at the spring), Schubert.

"Wir wandelton," ("We wandered"), Brahms.

"Es traumte mir," ("In My Dreams"), Brahms.

The singer's knowledge of the classic style and his excellent diction gave individual color and refinement of tradition, insight and comprehension consonant with consummate art. Mr. Hayes held his audience enthralled throughout.

The third brace consisted of four songs in English:

"The Lament of Ian the Proud," Griffes.

"The Dreamy Lake," Griffes.

"It was a Lover and his Lass," Roger Quilter.

"In the Silence of the Night," Rachmaninoff.

The climax of the evening was reached in this group. The singing of "The Lament of Ian the Proud," by Griffes was rendered with rare feeling and wonderful dramatic expression of breadth and effectiveness in the varying moods of despair and subtle coloring of tone and unflinching beauty of diction. Likewise was he superb in poetic fancy in "Rachmaninoff's" "In the Silence of Night."

In response to insistent applause Mr. Hayes added as encores Handel's superb aria, "Ah Spietato," Burleigh's "Scandalized My Name," and "Water Boy."

The final offering was a group of spirituals: "Wade in the Water," "Lit'l David," "Camp Meetin'" and "Steal Away."

The silent tenseness of the audience during the rendition of these simple melodies with universal heart appeal, paid silent tribute to the manner in which Mr. Hayes sang them.

At the close the audience completely under the spell of the ethereally beautiful voice, would not leave till Mr. Hayes responded with "I Got a Robe" and the deeply dramatic and impressive recitative, "The Crucifixion," a most solemn adjuration.

Throughout the program, Mr. Hayes showed a complete mastery of technique ranging from the low, soft sweet notes to the higher tones with perfect clarity and control.

William Lawrence was the accompanist. His feel and grasp of musical content, rare breadth of faultless technique, possessing sensibility, style, temperament, responsive to the slightest nuance of the singer, the caressing pianissimo effects made his masterful accompaniments, withal, a distinct contribution as an inseparable part of a most artistic performance. He shared honors with Mr. Hayes.

Many congratulations have come to Johnson C. Smith Uni-

## RETROSPECTION

'Tis often we sit in the gloaming  
At the close of a wearisome day,  
When the last golden gleams of the sunset  
Have flickered and faded away,  
Then dropped in each close-hanging curtain,  
And carefully drawn in each shade,  
While only the light from the fireplace  
Uncertain and fitfully played.

The tasks of the day are recounted;  
Regret felt at duties not done;  
Or pride at the hurdles surmounted,  
As we check up the scores one by one,  
Successes and keen disappointments,  
Each claiming a place in its turn,  
Take place in the silent procession,  
While slowly the red embers burn.

As we gaze on these quivering embers  
The pages of memory turn back  
In our lives like a book that is opened  
With leaves that are tattered and black,  
Through the mind in an endless procession  
The pageants of memory flock,  
While the feet of the uncanny marchers  
Keep time to the tick of the clock.

One moment we smile at the follies,  
Then a tear as we think of the pain,  
As, back from the mists of oblivion,  
Lost memories are ushered again:  
The comic adventures of childhood,  
The half tragic mishaps of youth,  
Take place in a wondrous rehearsal  
Presented in person by Truth.

Ah! The many long hours we squandered  
For the shadowy values of wealth,  
Too wanting the searches for pleasure  
As we wasted the God-given health,  
The pathway is seen now and clearer,  
But truly we never can tread  
Again through its intricate measures  
But quick! forward march, straight ahead!

Thus we learn from this retrospection;  
And to learn is a boon after all;  
So we sit with a strange satisfaction  
And gaze as the red embers fall,  
And, perchance, down the heat-ridden vistas  
Come messages we never hear,  
(Though hardly could we comprehend them  
Unless we attune our ear.

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versity for bringing Roland Hayes to Charlotte.

THOS. A. LONG,  
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## BLACK'S MEMORIAL CHURCH, MONROE.

Sunday, November 28th, was a good day at Black's Memorial church. Our pastor, Dr. C. N. Jenkins, and Mrs. Jenkins were with us. Dr. Jenkins spoke to a well filled house. His sermon was based upon the seven sayings of Jesus while on the cross. The Holy Communion was administered, also the sacrament of baptism. Seven children were baptized.

In the evening Dr. Jenkins spoke very impressively from II Timothy 1:6, "Stir up the gift of God which is in thee." The offering for the two church services was \$22.

The Sunday school was well attended also. We were very glad to have Elder Robinson from our church at High Point with us.

Both the Senior and the Junior Christian Endeavor Societies are very much alive and doing nicely. Miss Mildred Gillis, President of the Senior Christian Endeavor Society, is a splendid Christian young woman who is always found at her post of duty.

## MISS ANNIE A. CHRESFIELD

## MT. PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROCKY MT.

By Miss Marguerite C. Person Sunday morning, November 21, our beloved pastor, Rev. W. D. Burgess, chose for his subject, "Called for a Purpose," which he treated interestingly. The choir rendered appropriate music.

Mrs. Maggie Thomas, formerly of this city, but now a resident of Brooklyn, N. Y., was a welcome visitor at our church Sunday.

Mr. Joseph Jones, a student of Shaw University, spent the week-end in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Baynard.

Miss Christian Cook, a graduate of Albion Academy, has accepted a position in one of the Edgecombe County schools.

Miss H. Q. Person, accompanied by Mrs. Renches Harris, Durham, spent a day at Sanatorium.

Rev. J. H. Martin, pastor of St. James Baptist church, will deliver a special sermon at our church Sunday afternoon. Rev. Martin will be accompanied by his choir and congregation.

Mrs. Sarah Vick and brother-in-law, Mr. Robert Vick, of Wilson, spent a few hours in the city last Friday afternoon.

Mr. Kenneth Shade, of Wilson, stopped in our city a few hours enroute to his home after having attended the football game between Albion Normal and Brick Junior College. Those who went to attend the Albion-Brick game last Thursday were Dr. R. A. Winstead and Mrs. Winstead, Dr. and Mrs. L. P. Armstrong, Dr. W. E. Armstrong, Dr. William Sessions, Miss Jennie Braswell, Mr. J. H. May, Mr. A. D. Clarke and Misses H. Q. and M. C. Person.

## MT. TABOR CHURCH RALLY

By Miss Ethel L. Goodman Sunday, November 28, at 11 o'clock our pastor, Dr. J. L. Hollowell, delivered a very interesting sermon. The text was "Learn of me."—Matt. 11:29.

The ladies served a delicious dinner in the grove which was enjoyed by all.

At 3:30 o'clock we listened to a practical sermon by Rev. J. A. Ramsour, of Mooresville, from Proverbs 3:9: "Honor the Lord with all thy substance and with the fruits of all thine increase."

Rev. S. A. Davis, of Mooresville, was with us and assisted in lifting the collection. We are always glad to have him with us. Music was rendered by the Presbyterian choir of Mooresville and Oakland church choir of Mt. Ulla. Both rendered splendid service.

The reports of the clubs were as follows:

Club No. 1, Miss Maggie Goodman, \$32.00; club No. 2, Mrs. Annie Taggart, \$19.42; club No. 3, Mr. Raymond Rankins, \$23.29; club No. 4, Mr. Millard Cowan, \$52.25; club No. 5, Mr. V. Brown, \$14.78; club No. 6, Mr. Willie Rankins, \$18.05; club No. 7, Miss Margaret Cowan, \$14.90; club No. 8, Miss Annie Stevenson, \$23.40; total amount from clubs, \$198.09.

The two clubs that were not ready to report will report the second Sunday in December. The public collection was \$30.96, making a total of \$229.05.