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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS

Congress convened Monday and on Tuesday President Coolidge sent his Message to that body. In the opening sentence of his Message Mr. Coolidge says: "In reporting to the Congress the state of the Union, I find it impossible to characterize it other than one of general peace and prosperity." Having given this assurance, the President proceeds to discuss tax reduction, the protective tariff, agriculture, the wage earner, the national defense, the Negro, and other matters of concern to the country. The part of the Message relating to the Negro follows:

"The social well-being of our country requires our constant effort for the amelioration of race prejudice and the extension to all elements of equal opportunity and equal protection under the laws which are guaranteed by the Constitution. The Federal Government especially is charged with this obligation in behalf of the colored people of the nation. Not only their remarkable progress, their devotion and their loyalty, but our duty to ourselves under our claim that we are enlightened people requires us to use all our power to protect them from the crime of lynching. Although violence of this kind has very much decreased, while any of it remains we can not justify neglecting to make every effort to eradicate it by law.

"The education of the colored race under Government encouragement is proceeding successfully and ought to have continuing support. And increasing need exists for properly educated and trained medical skill to be devoted to the service of this race."

CHURCHES PAYING UP

Through Dr. I. H. Russell we learn that Pine Street church, Durham, has paid its benevolence quota, \$117.00, in full. Dr. Baker reports four other churches that have paid their quotas in full: Wilson chapel, Washington, Ga.; Ladson, Columbia, S. C.; John Hall, Charlotte, N. C.; Mather-Perit, St. Augustine, Fla. These all have been placed on the Honor Roll.

For sometime we have had in mind to say, one of this paper's most helpful friends is Mr. G. B. Marsh, the Sabbath School Missionary in Yadkin Presbytery. He is authorized to take and collect subscriptions wherever he goes and has put the paper in many homes.

RESULTS OF EVANGELISTIC WORK DURING 1926.

Durham, N. C., Dec. 8, 1926.

Editor Africo-American Presbyterian: Dear Brother:

I desire that you spare me space in the columns of your paper to say the following concerning our evangelistic work during 1926.

Our work has been interesting and helpful to ourselves and, we believe, to others. There have been added to the churches from the preaching of two evangelists 476 persons. There have also been professions to the number of 597 persons. It has been a year of soul-saving and of spiritual benefits. Dr. Jackson is now in Pittsburgh in the pastoral work. Dr. S. D. Thom, of Atlanta, Ga., is to take his place in the Atlantic Synod. We hope and believe that the work will have no set-back because Dr. Thom is a strong preacher and a Christian gentleman.

About the time Dr. Jackson was to go over and do some work in the Canadian Synod the call to Grace church came to him, and we will arrange with Dr. Thom to do some work in that Synod as far as we can.

My health grew treacherous and I did not get over into the East Tennessee Synod, but God being willing, I am going to spend some time in the Spring and Summer in the East Tennessee Synod.

We are sure that the finance of the Church is such that we won't be able to appoint a man for these Synods at the present, but we are sure that it won't be long and we are asking the brethren to be as patient as they can and things will change very soon. We are highly pleased with our report this year. We are sure that Dr. Gaston will set his approval upon the work that has been done for the Lord along this line, and we earnestly hope that we may have His blessings in the future as we have had in the past.

I. H. RUSSELL,

Director of Evangelistic Work of the four Synods and Evangelist of the Catawba Synod.

HOW OUR METHODIST BRETHREN RAISE MONEY.

Bishop Flipper, head of the Georgia Diocese, A. M. E. Connection, has sounded the tocsin. His order to his men in the field is, "Do or die." He said to the presiding elders, "You must put my program over or come down; you've got the material with which to do it and you must do it or take your place in the ranks and I will promote men who can and will do it." To the pastors he has said, "You must put my program over by organizing your church as a unit, if you expect to keep your charge. If you can not secure a pledge from every member in your church for at least \$10, stretched over five years' time to pay it, your next appointment will go to the man who can put my program over."

Dr. W. F. Boddie is the major-general and he has the order and in the language of one of our deceased bishops he says, "Marching must be done." The million-dollar drive must go over the top—90,000 members ought to raise a million dollars in five years. Ninety thousand members at ten dollars apiece will raise more than a million. For the reason that many of the loyal members and friends will pledge from five to ten times \$10. Dr. Boddie, who inspired this article, informs us that the tocsin has been sounded. The order has been given that marching must be done and the drive is riding to victory. The Independent, Atlanta, Ga.

NOTICE

To all societies of Yadkin Presbytery having articles to be sent to Secretary of Oversea and Home Sewing, please send to the President, Mrs. E. B. Meares before December 15. We would like to send the box in time for Christmas. Please remember also your quota for the third quarter is due.

I wish for each and everyone a very pleasant holiday season and much success in all your work.

E. B. MEARES,
President.

ADVICE TO YOUNG MEN IN SCHOOL.

By Rev. James H. Cooper.

To young men in school who are preparing for the future, life commonly appears as a shining and flowery spring which yields a thousand present delights and promises a summer richly laden with precious fruits.

They hear, indeed, that it sometimes happens that storms and tempests rise to darken the brightest sky; and they are told the summer and autumn of nature's life must be at length succeeded by the gloomy winter of age, but they think it wholly unnecessary to dampen the ardor of their present pursuit by turning their attention to events apparently so remote.

From these and other causes the young men just leaving school, enter upon life's journey with the most sanguine expectation of finding in every event an inexhaustible fund of delight and seeing all their plans and enterprises crowned with success. Having entered, how differently do they find the real from the sublime imagination! Now, boys, you should not hurry to leave school just to enter life, for this entering surely is a very serious fact.

You ask Why? Well here is the answer:

(1) Because dangers of every kind lie concealed in all the paths of life.

(2) Because great responsibilities rest upon you every day of your life.

(3) Because great uncertainty hangs over your future.

Now that is why life is so serious. God has given you existence with full power to improve it and be happy, and He has given equal power to despise the gift and be wretched. Then which shall you do? is the grand question to be decided by your choice and conduct while in the course of preparation.

Are you preparing to resist and make progress against the many tides of life, or are you preparing to drift as others and be dashed to pieces upon some hidden rock.

A moment's reflection in past history will show you many who entered upon life's mighty ocean without the necessary guide and for this very reason they drifted and have been grounded upon the quicksands of time, and many more are now drifting because they are not prepared to stem the many tides of life, and ere long they, too, will be totally wrecked by the sins and temptations that are now being thrown around them.

It is not thought by the modern mariners a dangerous thing to venture out upon the mighty ocean upon which the ancient mariners dared not venture, because they are better prepared to stem any tide of ocean.

It is preparation you need—full preparation, if you would have success in all departments of life, but without this, you, too, must necessarily drift.

As students in school you are sailing upon the calm waters of a quiet river in a boat carefully furnished by your honored friends, and safely guarded by the laws of your Alma Mater; but ere long you will be sailing through the rocky straits in the swirling currents at the river's mouth into the great ocean of life, and are thenceforth to be in command of your own boat. The safety of the passage depends upon your preparation, your skill and your caution.

Study well the dangers that lie in your path, and without doubt, you shall escape rocks, currents and whirlpools of every kind; and with great triumph, sail gaily forth to dare and conquer the perils of the sea beyond.

You must ever keep in mind that God will guide a life of abstinence and prayer. God will guide to that blissful home beyond the tide of this life where all of us shall be safe from rocks, storms, floods, and enable us to sing unceasing songs of praise to Him who led us to the peaceful port.

Boys, let prudence restrain you, let justice guide your hands, let benevolence warm your hearts, and let gratitude to heaven inspire you with devotion. These are the things you need in order to be able to make progress against all tides of life,

and finally reach the mansions of eternal felicity in the Paradise of God.

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PRESBYTERIAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE.

On Saturday, November 27, District No. 1 of Catawba Presbytery, held a conference in the Ben Salem church. The following churches were represented by the following persons: Murkland, Mesdames Wallace and Harris; Ben Salem, Mesdames Alexander, Polk, Maxwell and Rev. and Mrs. Gamble; Brooklyn, Mr. A. H. Prince; McClintock, Rev. and Mrs. Mayberry; Seventh Street, Mrs. Mayberry; Biddleville, Mesdames M. G. Davis, Alice Jewell, W. E. Partee and A. L. Shute. Others present were Dr. L. J. Melton, Rev. J. R. Dungee, Rev. F. C. Shirley and Dr. Geo. E. Davis.

The object of the conference was three-fold: 1st, to keep up a lively interest and intimate relationship among Presbyterian missionary women; 2nd, to receive general information of missionary work and to have a review and discussion of the Mission Study Book, "Our Templed Hills." After singing "Work for the night is coming" and reading Scripture lessons, Ex. 25: 20-29, several prayers were offered. Another hymn was sung. Then the leader, Mrs. A. L. Shute, stated as above given the object of the conference.

Mrs. Davis, the Presbyterial President, in her splendid speech, spoke of the importance of the conference, the benefits obtained therefrom and of the importance of advancing new thoughts and methods in the work. Mrs. Jewell, Secretary of Associate Members, spoke encouragingly of her department and presented literature for distribution.

Rev. Mr. Shirley, selected as teacher of "Our Templed Hills" for this occasion, was here presented. In a very attractive way he made strong impressions concerning the problems set forth in our book and so evident to all observers of the conditions in our towns and rural districts. We regret that more of our societies were not represented to hear the discussions. Some one suggested that the crops were still being harvested and of necessity many were kept away. Dr. Melton, who is so often present in our conferences, gave some instructive remarks. It was gratifying to have pleasing and encouraging remarks from Dr. Davis.

We trust that the meeting will produce greater effort on the part of those present, and that the information here given may draw a larger number to the next meeting.

Our thanks were extended to the pastor and missionary ladies of Ben Salem for their entertainment. The conference closed with prayer by Rev. Mr. Shirley.

MRS. A. L. SHUTE.

JOHN HALL CHAPEL NOTES

By Miss Pearl M. Blue.

Sunday, November 28th, was rally day. Rev. F. C. Shirley preached two excellent sermons. As usual we went over the top with ease. Our full quota was raised and every one is rejoicing.

Sunday School Missionary Marsh was with us and gave interesting remarks in Sunday school. We are always glad to have him in our midst.

Monday, November 29th, the community was shocked when the news reached us from Durham that Willie Monroe was dead. For some years she had been living in Durham with her aunt, Miss Mattie Monroe, but visited her grandfather, Mr. W. J. Monroe, every summer. Just a few months ago "Billy" was here full of life and in the best of health but now she sleeps beneath the sod to await the final resurrection. "Billy" was sick only a few days and all that loving hands could do for her was done, but God saw fit to take her to live with Him.

The body was brought home Wednesday and was laid to rest on Friday beside her mother who preceded her some years ago. The funeral was conducted from John Hall by Rev. Boykin.

"Billy" leaves to mourn their loss three sisters, Mesdames Percy Wise of Plainfield, N. J.; Mary McAfee, Washington, D. C.; Eliza Taylor, Charlotte, N. C.; a father, Mr. W. J. Monroe, of Charlotte; two loving aunts, a grandfather and hosts of relatives and friends.

Out-of-town friends who attended the funeral were Mrs. Daisy Nelson, of Durham, and Miss Mary McRae, of Charlotte.

TO MELODY.

By George Leonard Allen

I think that man hath made no beauteous thing
More lovely than a glorious melody
That soars aloft in splendor,
full and free
And graceful as a swallow on the wing!
A melody that seems to move,
and sing
And quiver, in its radiant ecstasy,
That bends and rises like a slender tree
Which sways before the gentle winds of Spring!

Ah, men will ever love thee,
holy art!
For thou, of all the blessings
God hath given,
Canst best revive and cheer the wounded heart
And nearest bring the weary soul to heaven!
Of all God's precious gifts, it seems to me,
The choicest is the gift of Melody!

(The poem given above won the prize of \$5.00 for the best sonnet submitted in a poetry contest held under the auspices of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. It was printed in the October number of The Pioneer, published at Statesville. Mr. Allen is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, class of 1926.)

EMERSON INSTITUTE, BLACKVILLE, S. C.

A missionary program was given in Emerson's Chapel a few weeks ago. From this program we learned how the gospel is being carried to all parts of the world.

Two new teachers have been added to the faculty this school term—Miss W. G. Hall, a graduate of Scotia College, and Miss R. E. McKinnie, a graduate of Haines Institute. Miss Hall has charge of the Fourth and Fifth grades, and Miss McKinnie has charge of the Sixth grade.

Thanksgiving Day the faculty of Emerson Institute motored to Augusta, Ga., where they witnessed an interesting football game between Paine College and Harbison College.

Miss C. M. Bullock, who has charge of the Eighth and Ninth grades, gave a Thanksgiving play on Monday night, November 29th, entitled, "America in Pilgrim Days." It was enjoyed by all. The amount raised will go to the Ninth grade. A chorus under the direction of Misses C. M. Bullock and N. M. Gordon, rendered excellent music for the occasion.

Mrs. L. O. Miller was called away last Sunday to the bedside of a very sick friend, Mrs. McCoy of Chesterfield, S. C. We wish for Mrs. McCoy a speedy recovery.

Mr. H. N. Sullivan, our Sunday School Missionary, visited the school last week, and is planning to return again soon.

The Missionary Society ladies had their monthly meeting at Emerson Institute. It was agreed by all of the members that a nice Christmas basket be prepared for one of the oldest citizens of the town.

TENNESSEE COLORED STATE FAIR TO HELP HIGHER EDUCATION.

The officials of the Tennessee Colored State Fair, in addition to applying themselves to the formation of constructive plans for better farming and livestock raising for the 1927 exhibition at Nashville, will award six prizes to as many deserving young people. The prizes will be tuition and board and a certain amount of cash.

The individual will be permitted to make the selection of any school of higher education in the State, including seminaries.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Miss Susie H. Miller, Asst. Reporter.

Sunday morning, Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Genesis 22: 14, using as a subject, "Jehovah-Jireh." Tracing incidents from the promise to Abram to the command to offer up Isaac, the promised seed, the speaker stressed the sublime faith of Abraham and the provision of God when the crisis came.

Continuing the speaker pointed out how God has all through the ages provided for His creatures. He provided a Saviour after the fall; He provided a passage for the Israelites at the Red Sea; He made provision millions of years ago for man, in that primeval forests were buried to supply fuel for the use of man.

The hearers were urged to exercise faith in God, yet at the same time all must work as though everything depended upon our efforts. Moses always comes when the tale of bricks is doubled.

There was one accession at the conclusion of the sermon.

The Missionary Society met with Mrs. Mahie Ingram last Thursday. Plans were laid for the Christmas festivities. Delicious refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

The financial banner has at last been captured by Up and Doing Adult Bible class.

Four new pupils were added to the Sunday school yesterday, bringing the enrollment far above the 250 mark.

The Home Department was reorganized Sunday afternoon with Mrs. Sarah Fryar directing. Quite a number of persons met at the home of Mrs. Clement for this purpose.

Mrs. R. W. McNair was called to Salisbury Sunday night on account of her mother's sudden illness.

Mrs. S. W. Carter and Mrs. M. C. Phifer are getting the Junior Department of the Sunday school in shape for the Christmas exercises, while the Senior Department is preparing to stage the pageant, "Under the Christmas Star," and the Choral Club is perfecting the cantata, "The Nativity."

The group effort, ending last Sabbath, produced gratifying results as follows: Group No. 1, Rev. H. C. Miller, captain, \$27.25; No. 2, Dr. F. W. McNair, \$18.55; No. 3, Mr. R. S. Alexander, \$9.00; No. 4, Mr. W. T. Murphy, \$65.00; No. 5, Dr. G. C. Sinkins, \$21.00; No. 6, Mr. W. J. Meares, \$16.50; No. 7, Mr. C. K. Brown, \$14.75; No. 8, Mr. G. A. Bridges, \$16.50; No. 9, Mr. S. W. Carter, \$27.25; No. 10, Mr. Wm. Turner, \$37.00. The general collection was \$82.20, making a total of \$334.80. The groups are given a vacation until after the holidays. After then quarterly reports are required from each group, but their treasuries are subject to immediate calls.

ALLEN'S TEMPLE, CLEVELAND, N. C.

By Mrs. A. P. White

Sunday, November 28th, was our regular preaching day. Our pastor, Rev. J. H. Clement, preached a Thanksgiving sermon from the text, "O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is good; for his mercy endureth forever." We had a splendid audience and the sermon was enjoyed by all. Our pastor always leaves a good impression on the congregation.

At three o'clock we had communion service. Sixty-eight persons came to the altar and communed. It was a wonderful service. The Holy Spirit was with us during the day.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely. We are planning a rally for the third Sunday in December.

Rev. and Mrs. Clement were the guests of Mrs. George Kilpatrick Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Jessie Click Gray, of New York, is contemplating spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milas Click.

Rev. and Mrs. Clement and Miss Pinkston were guests for dinner at Mrs. Elmo Wood's Sunday.