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

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HARMONIOUS STATESMANSHIP.

By Howard B. Grose, D. D.

Something happened in the life of the Young Men's Christian Association during the recent National Council meeting at Chicago—something intangible but full of hopeful prospect. You couldn't lay your finger on it; it was evidenced merely in the earnestness of applause, the quiet listening attitude of members, the corner chats in the lobbies or dining rooms of the Edgewater Beach Hotel, the air of congenial assurance that pervaded group meetings. It was a feeling, I may say, of satisfaction, in the successful working and humanizing of a huge machine, designed to encourage and help young men and boys throughout the world.

Two years before at Buffalo the National Council, inheriting some of the functions of the old International Committee, was an infant, kicking in its cradle. At Washington a year later, the Council seemed to be passing through the period of adolescence; none knew quite what to expect, and many displayed symptoms of uneasiness, of suspicion perhaps, and of doubt.

But adolescence is past; the creature, born for a purpose, has matured. At Chicago, the National Council functioned as an adult, every one of its component parts being in perfect harmony with every other; and when the session adjourned on October 29, after four days of most intensive work, there was a feeling on the part of the members assembled—nearly three hundred of them—that something had been definitely accomplished. More, each seemed to possess anew a proprietary interest in the Council, and to have gained satisfaction from a complete knowledge and faith in what was being done and being planned.

As John S. Tichenor, associate general secretary, said to me: "The Council has at last proved itself a workable unit." Certainly that means progress.

The conference sessions were particularly free from wrangling. A piece of statesmanship derived from The World's Conference at Helsingfors, and set agoing by Dr. John R. Mott, accomplished wonders in that direction. Shortly after convening the conference was broken up into groups. In secluded corners these bodies dug into their work, and dug into it so hard and so thoroughly that when the budget finally came onto the floor of the Council meeting, pared to provide for expenditures of \$4,084,715 during 1927, there was no hesitation about accepting it.

The men knew what that budget contained; they knew it item by item as they perhaps had never known a national budget before, and they willingly lent it their support, with the understanding that if any portion of the \$2,950,577 required contributions should prove unavailable, the General Board should have the power to make reductions where reductions seemed feasible without endangering the work. Specifically, the budget calls for General Board expenditures of \$288,203, Home Division \$1,449,663, Foreign Division \$2,248,170, and Personnel \$98,677.

The conference did not make a pronouncement on military training, holding that "in the absence of information as to the opinion of the local associations, who are autonomous, self-governing units, reserving to themselves the right to represent their own views on matters of this kind," the National Council "considers that it cannot with propriety pass judgment for them on this question." While not included in the resolution, a feeling was evident among some members of the Council that espousal of military

training is not, as applied to any society or individual, a test of patriotism or of devotion to the highest interests of boys and young men. They recognized the question as one on which, among thoughtful people, there is a wide divergence of opinion. David W. Teachout, a Cleveland lumberman, a devout religious worker, and since 1920 a member of the International Committee, was elected President of the Council, succeeding Fred W. Ramsey, also of Cleveland.

RURAL CHURCHES GET AID FROM DUKE FUND.

Small Ones Being Consolidated and Structures in Need of Repair Are Given Help.

Durham, Dec. 6.—(AP)—With a dream of assisting a thousand rural churches in North Carolina into new and better houses of worship within 10 years before them, the rural church department of the Duke endowment is going ahead at a rapid rate toward its goal. Under the supervision of Prof. H. M. Ormond, of the department of religious education of Duke University and head of the church extension department of the Duke foundation, the work has gone steadily forward during the time the department has been in existence and as a result more than 150 rural churches in the state have been assisted.

Maps have been prepared of every county in the State, showing the location of country churches of all denominations, with more than a score of denominations recorded according to Prof. Ormond. In many instances these churches are closely bunched, with three or four Methodist churches found in some sections within a radius of a few miles, it was stated. In these instances the churches are one room, wooden structures, badly in need of repair. Under the plan of operation, as explained by Mr. Ormond, these churches will be united into one large church, with one pastor and equipped to do better work.

Prior to this year a total of 112 churches were assisted by the Duke foundation and this year between 50 and 60 more have been helped, Prof. Ormond has announced.

According to the head of the work, many 75 churches will have been assisted when the year comes to a close.

In discussing the rural churches, Prof. Ormond stated that some of the churches have less than 15 members while approximately half of the rural churches in the State have less than 20 members. It is the consolidation of these churches that the endowment directors are trying to bring about. There are between 1,000 and 1,100 one-room churches in the State, the survey shows.

HARDIN ACADEMY, ALLENDALE, S. C.

Dear Mr. Editor: Please allow me space in your paper to say something about our work round and about Allendale.

The school opened under very favorable conditions notwithstanding the financial condition of the community. We have 140 students on roll and they are coming in every day.

The students met on November 16th and organized a literary society known as the Hardin Academy Lyceum. During the last half hour of each Friday the members of the Lyceum render a programme, and whatever collection is taken is to be given to the Board of National Missions. Up to date they have sent to this Board \$6.25.

On the fourth Sabbath in November Mr. H. N. Sullivan, the S. S. Missionary of McClelland Presbyterian, made us a visit and during the Sunday school hour delivered a wonderful address

of "Forming Habits." On Monday morning he addressed the students during the devotional period. While on the campus he taught the boys many games. We hope that he will call again soon.

Our work at Pocatigo, Beaufort Salem, and the Mt. Zion church, Bellinger, S. C., are doing some tangible work. On the 5th inst. we were down to the Beaufort Salem church where we heard a noble sermon by the minister, Rev. H. McFadden, on "Christians the Light of the World" (Matt. 5:14), after which the rally which was appointed for the day by the Missionary Society and church came off. The collection amounted to \$25 which was sent to the four Boards. An after collection was taken for Elder Stephen Alston who has been sick for the last two months which amount was \$2.10. We then went into the services of the Holy Communion. This was a high day at this church.

Mt. Zion people are preparing for the Spring meeting of the Atlantic Presbytery which they will entertain.

You will hear more of us through our reporters. The reporter for our church and school work at Allendale is Mrs. Z. L. Curry, one of the teachers; for the Mt. Zion church, Elder R. C. West, and for the Beaufort Salem church, Elder Edward Hipp.

Yours for the cause,
MRS. Y. J. MCFADDEN.

CATAWBA PRESBYTERIAL DISTRICT NO. 2

The Women's Auxiliaries of District No. 2 of Catawba Presbyterial had their Fall meeting in the Huntersville church, Saturday, November 6th, 1926. The meeting opened with devotions, led by Mrs. Annie H. Spencer, of Westminster church, Concord, and Mrs. Sloan, of Scotia Women's College. All present took an active part in the devotions.

At the close of this service Mrs. M. J. Alexander with a few remarks declared the meeting open for business. As there was no other business the time was given to the Mission Study Book, "The Templed Hills." The Rev. H. Wilson, of Concord, was our instructor. He made the study very interesting and helpful to all present.

Dr. L. J. Melton and Dr. G. E. Davis were welcomed as visitors and took an active part in the discussion of the Mission Study Book.

Mrs. M. G. Davis, President of Catawba Presbyterial, was present and gave some very helpful remarks. She urged that the Women's Auxiliaries encourage the young people of the church to take an active part in mission work and help to put over the great program of the Church.

Mrs. M. J. Phifer lifted the offering, which amounted to \$1.55.

Dr. Melton offered the closing prayer. We adjourned to meet at the call of our leader.

At the close of the service the ladies of Huntersville church ushered us to the rear of the church where they had a table spread with all sorts of good thing to eat. Everyone enjoyed an excellent dinner.

We wish to express our appreciation to the ladies of Huntersville church for the kindness shown us while there.

MRS. M. J. ALEXANDER,
Leader.
MRS. MARY J. GREENE,
Reporter.

Remember that when you're right you can afford to keep your temper and when you're wrong you can't afford to lose it.—Lorimer.

Your customers are your competitor's prospects always. Do you make the same effort to hold them you did to get them?

BARBER COLLEGE NEWS

By Joetta Stinson

The Y. W. C. A. girls of Barber rambled up to the woods Saturday afternoon for lunch and a meeting afterwards. The girls, with a number of the faculty, left the building at 4:30 o'clock. It was a crisp, lively afternoon and all were in the best of spirits. Wood was piled high and soon the fire sputtered and sparked as only an Autumn fire can.

Coffee was soon boiling. The laughter of the girls and the stream of ukuleles mingled harmoniously with the sound of the boiling kettle and the sweet aroma that escaped. Soon everything was announced ready and the girls streamed in one long line toward the food. Don't miss the hot fare: hot dogs, roasted on the open fire, with warm, buttered rolls; crisp potato chips and hot coffee; pickles and then home-made cookies, speckled with raisins and nuts, and bananas. Anybody would have smiled at the glow on every girl's face. Nor was that all for cheer after cheer was sent up from the open to those who were responsible—the Dean, our Sponsors and our President and vice-president.

Dinner over, a circle around the fire in true Indian fashion settled the jolly folks for a beautiful devotional service led by Emma Toatley. Spirituals were sung and the meeting closed with "Abide With Me."

Then the President, Naomi Williams, and Joetta Stinson taught and led Y. W. pep songs. The girls liked these and enthusiastically responded. Some of the songs were: "Y Girls are High-Minded," "When the World Seems to Frown on You," "All I Want is Sociability."

When interest was still at its height the girls disbanded, and with "Good-night, We're Singing Good Night," started down the hill in a merry uproar. Some of the Faculty and a few girls stayed behind to beat out the fire and avoid danger of setting the woods on fire. These meetings are always enjoyed and appreciated. May there be many more of them this year.

Mrs. Francis Williams McLeMores, Y. W. Field Secretary, will be in Barber on December 18. All Y. W. students and everybody will be glad to see her. She carries inspiration with her. Thursday, Dr. J. F. Scherer, our President, spoke to the Rotary Club in Talladega, Ala.

The offering from Barber on Thanksgiving day for the Board's deficit and work on the islands in America was \$73.00 from the teachers and \$37.22 from the Sunday school, making a total of \$111.32.

Miss Forbes spoke in Chapel of the Near East and the work that is being done there. It was announced that an offering would be taken on December 12 and sent to the Near East Relief.

The Hamper-Mantell Shakespearean Company was in Anniston Thursday and Friday, December 9 and 10. Barber students were permitted to go and quite a number attended. The seats were only 50 cents. Thursday night "The Merchant of Venice" was performed with Mr. Mantell perfectly portraying Shylock, and Miss Hamper as Portia. The scenery, costumes and acting were wonderful and real. These people truly understood Shakespeare.

The matinee on Friday, "As You Like It" and Julius Caesar" on Friday night were equally as good. Barber girls who had been studying Shakespeare could really appreciate him after such interpretations.

Not good if detached—true of church members as well as railroad tickets.

CEDAR GROVE CHURCH NOTES.

By Mrs. Mattie A. Russell

Sunday morning, our pastor, Dr. L. J. Melton, preached an excellent sermon. His text was II Kings 6-12, subject "God's Way and Man's Way." Dr. Melton seemed to have been at his best and the sermon was greatly enjoyed by all his hearers.

At 3 o'clock Sunday our congregation was highly favored by having to speak to us Dr. T. H. Lewis, of Scotia Woman's College and Mr. Charlie Ritchie, an elder of the First Presbyterian church (white), of Concord, Dr. Lewis and Mr. Ritchie brought to us inspiring and impressive addresses. Mr. Ritchie spoke on "Loyalty," and Dr. Lewis on "We should not neglect so great a salvation." Both speakers greatly impressed our people and their subjects will long linger in our minds and hearts. We were glad to have Mrs. Lewis in company with Dr. Lewis. We hope these good friends will come again.

Our Sunday school is moving on nicely with Mr. J. L. Alexander, Superintendent. All plans have been made for the Christmas tree and program, and we are hoping that with each one doing his or her part that this Christmas may be the best in the history of our church. The heads of each family have been asked to pay one dollar each as a Christmas offering. Quite a number have responded nicely. This movement will close Sunday so that the committee can make their purchase the first of the week.

Mrs. Dora Davidson was called to Charlotte Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Mattie Stanback.

On last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. William Wagoner and little daughter and Miss Louise Spencer, of Concord, spent the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Russell.

Dr. L. J. Melton will go to Wilmington this week where he will attend the Masonic Grand Lodge meeting. His many friends of Cedar Grove community wish for him a pleasant trip.

SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE, ROGERSVILLE, TENN.

By N. Aldrene Holston

Last Sunday we listened to a splendid sermon by our pastor, Rev. A. S. Long. He spoke from the Songs of Solomon 2:1515. He chose as his subject, "The Little Sins." He gave beautiful examples bearing on this subject.

Miss Isitha Ryans, of Johnson City, Tenn., has gone home for a while.

Miss Lorene Bastram was called to Cincinnati to the bedside of her mother.

Mrs. C. E. Tucker was called to her former home in North Carolina to attend the funeral of her aunt.

Mr. John D. Creasey has been called to his home in Roanoke, Va., because of his mother's illness.

Mrs. Carter, of Johnson City, visited her little daughter, Daisy, during the week.

The County Superintendent of Education visited the chapel exercises Friday morning. The State High School Inspector will visit the college very soon.

The Y. M. C. A. Cabinet will stage the "Birth of Christ" on the seventeenth.

The girls of the Glee Club will render a cantata on the 23rd of December.

The students are looking forward with great anticipation to the Christmas season. Many expect to go home to be with their parents.

The Athletic Association has put on a drive for funds to supply the baseball team. Our baseball team has always done well, but we are looking for greater results in the Spring.

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILSON

The Women's Missionary Society realized more than fifty dollars on their Thanksgiving dinner.

The Light Bearers presented "The Courtship of Miles Standish" during the Thanksgiving season.

The Christian Endeavor Society recently rendered a literary and musical program to a very appreciative audience.

Two members of Calvary recently achieved more than local prominence. Mr. H. S. Stanback won the first prize in a subscription contest put on by the Norfolk Journal and Guide. The prize was a Chrysler 70. Mr. Stanback polled more than twenty-five million votes. Miss Naomi Freeman's exhibit in the Home Economics Department of the State Teachers' Association won second prize. Miss Freeman is a second year High School student.

The pastor recently concluded a series of sermons on "Building for Tomorrow." He is now preaching a series of sermons to the Junior congregation on "The Voice of God in Literature."

Thirty members of the congregation worshipped with Rev. Burgess of Rocky Mount the second Sunday afternoon in December. The message was delivered by Rev. A. H. George.

The Pioneers have supplied the Negro Division of the North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital with New Testaments.

The Sunday school, under the direction of Prof. Vick, continues to grow. He has the interest of the young people at heart. Recently he has introduced the story period in connection with the worship of the school. The children are enjoying this added feature.

The Department of Health and Welfare recently appointed Rev. George director of sales of the Christmas seals among the colored people for the city and county.

The Parent-Teacher Association, a community organization, is rapidly becoming a potential force for good in the city. This association has just completed a survey of the school children in the city. The object was to round up the delinquents and get them in school if possible. The scheme worked splendidly. The schools are now crowded. In the very near future a committee will petition the authorities for a new building or an addition to the old ones. The survey served to open the eyes of some of us as to the condition of poverty existing among some of our people. The result was the establishment of a fund to supply the poverty-stricken children with books and clothing. A follow-up committee is to make periodic visits to the homes of the delinquents for the purpose of encouraging them in every way possible to keep the children in school. This survey was made by twenty members of the association who volunteered their services. Among the twenty Calvary had the following representatives: Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hines, Mr. Wm. Hines, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Freeman and Miss Ada Battle. The survey was under the direction of Rev. George.

"THE SCRIBE"

NOTICE.

To all societies of Yadkin Presbytery having articles to be sent to Secretary of Overseas 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.

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