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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 IN YADKIN PRESBYTERY

By Geo. R. Marsh, S. S. Missionary

Beginning November the 28, 1926, Rev. F. C. Shirley and I began our Sunday school Institute campaign in Yadkin Presbytery. On Sunday, the 28th, we visited the John Hall church at Carthage. At the morning service Rev. Shirley filled the pulpit and delivered a splendid message from God's word. And I assisted in the devotionals and contribution. At the Sunday school hour each of us taught a class.

On Monday, the 29th, we held our first Institute session with Shady Grove Sunday school, Carthage, Route 3. We held two sessions which were well attended, with some members from John Hall Sunday school, the average attendance being 67 pupils.

Our next Institute was held with Emanuel Sunday school of Southern Pines, on December 1-2. We did not have a large attendance as there were other meetings of importance being held here during the time of ours. But we are satisfied to state that we had a very interested corps of workers who proved to us by their interest shown that they were anxious to get all the information obtainable on the Sunday school and church program. We thank Rev. J. F. K. Simpson and those of his teachers who found it convenient to attend our second session; also Mrs. Collette, the community welfare worker, who is rendering a splendid service here among our people.

On December 3rd we were at Laurel Hill, N. C. for the same cause as heretofore mentioned, with Marsh's Memorial Mission. The interest shown here from every angle was most encouraging, the sessions being well attended. Our beloved pastor, Rev. J. B. Francis, and the members entertained us royally. On Saturday at our leisure we had a nice long drive far back in the county through the unlimited efforts of Rev. Francis to visit some of his members.

Sunday, the 5th, was spent as follows:

In the morning Rev. Shirley filled the pulpit for Rev. Francis at Bowers' chapel in Laurinburg. Rev. Francis filled the pulpit at Silver Hill. I assisted them in the Sunday school service.

At 3:30 P. M. we were back at Marsh's Mission for the Sunday school which was followed by another splendid sermon by Rev. Shirley.

Our Sunday program was arranged by the pastor, Rev. Francis, who is sparing no pains to make his work for God and man a success. All three of his pulpits were filled on this Sunday, and despite the very disagreeable day, encouraging congregations were present.

We feel very grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Brown, and Mr. and Mrs. Malloy, and Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Francis for our royal entertainment while in Scotland County.

Our next engagement was with Oakland Sunday school at Bear Poplar, Rowan County. Our good friend and brother, the Rev. J. A. Ramseur, is the shepherd of this flock. We found the Sunday school and church workers here anxious to have us conduct an Institute, which proved very satisfactory. It was gratifying to us to see the unlimited interest manifested by the school and friends. We also met the very kindest hospitality among these good people who impressed us with their desire to have us come back again at the earliest convenience.

Our last appointment for this itinerary was with Mocksville church and Sunday school of Davie County. Rev. L. M. On-

que and his good wife are rendering a splendid service here. The Sunday school, under the supervision of Mr. John A. Smoot, is progressing nicely. The Institute was what these workers had been anxiously looking to be conducted in their church for the inspiration and instruction they would derive. The same desire to give the best in entertainment was found here.

Rev. Shirley and I were made to feel very happy at each of the places mentioned, with unsurpassed entertainment and a deep interest shown in the cause we were representing.

The ambition of the missionaries is to render the most helpful service possible; to have all the Sunday school officers and teachers present makes the effort ideal. We have been able to reach the majority of such workers. Still we have a pitiable few of such workers who fail to find it convenient to attend, but "will be present next time," which may be never.

We are very thankful to Almighty God for health and strength, for food and raiment, and the commission to labor in His vineyard. I have always felt that reading matter of this kind might be classed in the same order with other divine services, and we are using the words, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Southern Pines, N. C.

## ARKADELPHIA PRESBYTERIAN ACADEMY, ARKADELPHIA, ARK.

By C. N. Shropshire

No doubt many are wondering how our school was affected by the great tragedy. I am glad to say that since Rev. L. W. Davis came the school has been moving along nicely. There are 125 students, including day pupils and boarders.

General work and improvements are going on. Barn sheds are being covered and the 30 acre farm is being straightened up and put in readiness for planting. Garden fences have been built and Rev. Davis is planning a nice, early garden. The campus has been cleared off and a modern laundry is being erected.

There are crowded class rooms. I am informed that the school is to have an administration building soon. This is needed, for Rev. Davis has his goal set for an accredited high school. The only shortage is in the library and the laboratory.

There is a fine spirit of cooperation on the part of the teachers and Rev. Davis. All of the faculty except two are young teachers and they have "common sense" or "horse sense," says Rev. Davis. There is also a fine spirit of congeniality existing among the students and teachers.

Friends and parents are all in accord with the work, and, with new pupils coming almost every day, I am sure that the school cannot help but succeed. Mrs. Davis is a great friend maker. She is right by her husband's side.

Dr. Gaston was a recent visitor, and I understand that he was well pleased with the push and zeal that Rev. Davis is putting into this work.

Just a word about our "Week of Prayer." We had good meetings—two services each day. The students joined in heartily. Three united with the church during the week.

We also organized a Teacher-Training class with an enrollment of 33.

Let us all hope and pray for continued success at this place.

## WRITE YOURSELF UP

"Write yourself up," is what Dr. Metz says. And I say if you can not write yourself up, write up some of your worthy friends. Many of us never think of our friends to speak complimentary words or do a kind act until it is time to speak at their graves. I believe a worthy man needs cheering. "Give honor to whom honor is due."

We have in mind just now the Rev. J. D. Stanback and his most efficient wife who have the supervision and administration of our only school in this Presbytery, Alice Lee Elliott Memorial and Industrial Academy at Valiant.

This is a Presbyterian school for boys and girls beautifully situated in the Southeastern corner of the State of Oklahoma. It is the only thing of the kind under the auspices of our Church in the State. It has made most wonderful progress under the present regime. Rev. J. D. Stanback, A. M., has been superintendent for the last six years. Under his supervision this academy has come to the front and stands second to none in our Synod. When Mr. Stanback took charge of this school six years ago, there were only three teachers; now the faculty is composed of 10 of the best teachers that could be secured. The music teacher needs special mention. She is a genius. A young lady in her teens, she can look at a piece of music, having never seen or played it before, lay it aside and walk to the piano and play it perfectly.

There has been erected a new building known as Dimmick Hall in which is a large auditorium, four recitation rooms, one large room used for study, hall and class room.

Rev. Stanback has installed water works by means of which water is furnished to each floor of the buildings. This is done by means of a gasoline engine, a pump and a tank.

The buildings and campus are beautifully lighted by electric lights, by the means of the Delco-lighting system.

A cream separator has been placed in the pantry where the butter fat is separated from the milk. A nice bake-oven has been recently put in which is a great help to the cooking department.

The soil is being cultivated now by means of disk plows drawn by an auto tractor. An auto truck has been secured for rapid transportation to nearby shipping points.

The dining room has been made two-thirds larger and all the buildings have been painted and made to look new. The girls' building has been re-covered and a print shop has been built. There are two barns and a modern bath room for girls and one for boys. A sick room has been neatly fitted up with modern conveniences. There are concrete floors in the cellar so as to keep out seep water and make the cellar dry and comfortable.

Rev. Stanback has raised the school from an eighth grade to a twelfth grade academy and made great improvements on the grounds.

Rev. Stanback came to us from Fountain Inn, S. C. After eight or more successful years of service there he resigned, feeling that he could be of greater service in the Middle West. He turned his face toward Oklahoma. His parish, on his departure, presented him with a gold watch and chain and a small purse.

Since he has been here he has made a multitude of friends. He is very kind, charitable and approachable, and is making his way through life—a credit to himself, to the Church and to Johnson C. Smith University.

Rev. Mr. Stanback also pastors one of our churches. Since going there he has built a new edifice, and increased the mem-

bership three times their number. His church was the first in our Presbytery to pay its quota last year. Rev. Stanback is a magnet in our section of the State. I believe every member of the Synod loves him. His slogan seems to be "Not what I can do for myself, but what I can do for others," and many other things he has done and said, which if they were written every word, would fill many columns in this paper.

AN ALUMNUS.

## ENGLISH IN MINISTERIAL EDUCATION

By Rev. E. U. D. Goring, S. T. B.

It is essential that the individual who expects to hold any prominent position should be able to speak and write good English. Whenever he speaks attention will be given to what he may have to say. Cultivated people hearing him will be led to remark that such a person is educated.

A large percentage of people have not been to school. They had not the opportunity of doing so. Some were confined to their occupation on the farm or other industrial duties which prevented them from attending school, and others were hindered by their parents and guardians who were not at all interested in their education. However, we must not blame those who had the care of children, because many children are indifferent, unconcerned and lazy with regard to their future welfare.

When the child is sent to school he takes delight in his studies, that he might excel in various subjects which he is pursuing. We gather from these facts that it is advisable that the individual should be encouraged to attend school at all costs.

The child who is sent to school would be qualifying himself for a good situation in life. The child would learn to do things in the proper way—things that he ought to know. Not only will he learn the art of speaking and writing correctly, but his manner would be improved. Such training makes for effectiveness among business men, prominence among professional men and success in society. These advantages should be coveted by the child's parents so that the child might acquire such training. He will certainly discover the necessity of a good education in order to make progress in the various walks of life. He would not have known (his fact had he not been sent to school. So we learn from this the benefits one derives by attending school.

While in school he realizes the actual meaning of an English education. He is being informed in history, economics, psychology, chemistry, geology, biology, logic and so forth, coupled with the arts and languages. All these he will find very useful in his life-work. Whenever such knowledge is acquired the same can be imparted to others to great advantage.

So others are benefitted by persons who know how to communicate instruction. Of course, persons who are being taught will observe that their instructors can teach and eventually the pupil will obtain such knowledge as will serve him in good stead.

We know that it is very important that anyone who is ambitious should attend school at an early age, because the different branches of studies are easily mastered at that period. Not only speaking and writing good English, but things of every day life will be executed in a far better manner than when the person has not attended school.

These realities should be the stimuli to parents or guardians

in considering the education of their children in order that they might not be accused by their offspring in after days. What parents would like to hear words of disgust from their children with regard to their negligence in not sending them to school? I would say to parents, "Wake up!" and see to it that your children have a liberal education.

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## FOR ENFORCEMENT OF PROHIBITION

Washington, Jan. 15.—Challenging the forces opposed to the observance and enforcement of the prohibition amendment and its enabling acts, the Annual Meeting of the Citizens' Committee of One Thousand in Washington on January 6 was most significant.

Held at a time when the country faces a peculiar crisis because of the insidious and dangerous campaign for the nullification and disregard of the prohibition laws, the meeting was in reality a great mobilization of the forces for decent citizenship.

"A challenge to both political parties to deviate from prohibition at their peril" was a newspaper description of the gathering. Practically every Washington correspondent somewhere in his article spoke of it as "a challenge."

Official Washington took note. President Coolidge sent a letter on law observance and expressed regret at his inability to be present. Senator William E. Borah, a leading Republican, and Senator Morris Sheppard, an outstanding Democrat, known as "the father of prohibition," spoke at the closing banquet.

All the speeches were put on the air and many officials listened to them in their homes. The guests of honor at the closing banquet were Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur, Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Lincoln C. Andrews, and President William Green of the American Federation of Labor.

Before and during the gathering "wet" forces kept up a barrage of disparaging publicity trying to destroy the effects of the meeting. Their heaviest shells were "duds."

The meeting was most discouraging to the wets and those urging nullification and disregard for law. Arrangements were made for 150 at the luncheon. Two hundred persons came. The banquet was attended by many more than six hundred persons, many from out of town. New England, the East, the South, the Middle West were all well represented.

Many Congressmen and Senators were at the banquet. There was but little mincing of phrases and polite quibbling at the three sessions of the meeting.

Throughout there was a stern demand that officials enforce the laws, because they are more under fire than any others. The leaders were determined that the position of the forces they represent should be plainly understood.

## MT. PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ROCKY MOUNT, N. C.

By Miss Marguerite C. Person

On Sunday morning, our pastor, Rev. W. D. Burgess, chose for his subject, "I Ought." At 7:30 Rev. W. M. Spaulding preached for us. He was accompanied to our church by his choir.

Rev. and Mrs. W. D. Burgess are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, Cain D. Burgess.

The Woman's Missionary Society will meet at the home of Mrs. Lula Parker, on Goldleaf

Street, on Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

Miss Eunice Bryant, of Goldsboro, spent a few days in the city last week as the guest of her cousin, Mrs. S. C. Baskerville, on Atlantic Ave.

Mrs. S. C. Baskerville and Mrs. Lyda C. Tillery were called to Goldsboro on account of the death of Mr. Whitney, Mrs. Baskerville's brother-in-law.

Mr. Edward Hargett, of Washington, D. C., spent several days in the city recently as the guest of his mother.

Thorpe-Atwell

On Wednesday, December 28, at 3:30, Miss Cornelia Thorpe and Mr. Clarence Atwell were quietly married at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Sarah Thorpe, on Oak Street.

Mrs. Atwell is quite an accomplished young lady. She was graduated at Albion Academy, Franklinton, and for the past five years has held a responsible position in that institution. Mr. Atwell is a resident of New York City where he and Mrs. Atwell are making their home.

The many friends of Miss Lucy Armstrong will regret to know that she is in Parkview Hospital where she has undergone a slight operation.

Mrs. Annie Lyttle spent several days in the city last week, the guest of her mother on Park Ave.

Misses Thurke, Armstrong and Townsend, and Mr. Joseph Jones have returned to Shaw University to resume their studies after having spent their holiday vacation in the city with relatives.

Mr. Charles H. Bynum spent a few hours in the city on Sunday enroute to Lincoln University, Pa.

## WESTMINSTER CHURCH, CONCORD.

By Ruth Little

Sunday morning, January 16, our pastor, Rev. H. Wilson, spoke to us from the 19th chapter of the Book of Kings and the 13th verse, "And it was so when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out, and stood in the entering of the cave, and behold, there came a voice unto him and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?"

The speaker emphasized the point that we must first be true servants of God if we wish to rejoice in the brightness of the Father's face. This was a very inspiring sermon, and was enjoyed by all present.

One of the prettiest and simplest home weddings ever witnessed here took place on Dec. 23rd, 1926, when Miss Birdie Bost and Mr. Winfred Galloway were united in holy matrimony.

The house was beautifully decorated, carrying out the color scheme of green and white. A large, white arch and white pedestals, encircled with green ferns marked the place where the bridal party stood.

Just before the bridal party entered, Mr. J. R. Roscoe sang "Until," accompanied by Miss Pearl Lemmons, of Asheville. Following this song the strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding March was heard.

The groom entered with his best man, Mr. Banks Foote. Next followed the bridesmaid, Miss Louise Spencer, wearing a peacock blue georgette dress trimmed with gold lace and rosebuds over gold satin with gold slippers and hose, carrying a bouquet of sweet peas.

The bride entered, leaning on the arm of her father, wearing a white crepe de chine dress trimmed with white silk lace and beaded ornaments and carrying bride's roses and lilies of the valley. After the ceremony a course of ice cream was served.

The many friends that the bride and groom have was shown by the many useful as

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