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

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TWENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY TRIP—

PART SECOND

By Mrs. M. B. Marks.

Having attended the Presbytery and completed Part I of said trip, the writer, not wanting to be like a grasshopper, arrived home on the 4th of June, made and saved the garden and fruit, then in the fall completed the trip by visiting relatives—Rev. and Mrs. C. E. Green, Mr. and Mrs. David and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beverly, of Emporia and Jarratt, Va. From this place, taking advantage of the opportunity, she ran down to visit the other churches of her group in Petersburg and Hopewell. She found Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Tice busy. Mrs. Tice said: "We are trying to make things go." The Rev. Tice's soul-stirring sermon made the writer wish that she could gather in all Petersburg to take in that sermon. The choir, led by Mrs. Tice, did excellent singing. It was pleasant to meet another Ingleside alumna, Mrs. Diana Green Bailey, the organist. Mr. Bailey taught in the Sunday school. Mrs. Jones and others placed us in communication with her daughter and other Ingleside alumnae.

The writer was entertained by Mrs. Mollie Lofton and hers, who spared no pains in making it pleasant. This dear soul, out of the goodness of her heart, has put a room on to her comfortable home for entertaining the guests of the church. May her blessed example be handed down to succeeding generations.

Long will linger the parting scene as Rev. and Mrs. Tice and a number of their officers and members accompanied the writer down to the station and waited near till the car pulled out for Hopewell. Then they waved a cheering good-bye.

At Hopewell, too, Rev. D. D. Davis was trying to make things go. But he missed the assistance of Mrs. Davis, who had been indisposed for months. She has our sympathy and prayers for a speedy recovery. Mrs. Davis said: "I am glad you came. I heard about the Circle, but did not understand. But I stand ready to do what they say do." This spoke so much for her loyalty.

Although the occasion at a neighboring church took the crowd, Rev. Davis had a good number out to Sunday school that afternoon, services having been had in the morning. At each church a collection was lifted for the Circle.

Returning from Hopewell, Mrs. Lofton, in company with Miss Bessie Smith and Master Lofton, boarded the car and accompanied the writer to the station and stayed by her until the train pulled out for Emporia. She arrived in Bracey, December the 4th. On the 12th she conducted a Baby Contest in the interest of Great Creek church and the Circle. A neat sum was raised and forwarded to Dr. Gaston and the Presbyterial Treasurer.

The ladies who took part in the contest with their babies are as follows: Mrs. Nelson George, 1st prize; Mrs. John Boyd, 2nd prize; Mrs. Henry M. Boyd, 3rd prize; Mrs. Jefferson, Mrs. Robt. Teggin, Mrs. John Marks, Mrs. Ned Harris, Mrs. Thomas Studyvant, Mrs. Henrietta Harrison.

The work at Great Creek is moving on nicely under the ministrations of Rev. and Mrs. James. He does not fail us in his soul-stirring sermons. Miss Mary Crawley is doing good work in the school room. The new heater and collection table lend greatly to the appearance and comfort here. The W. M. Society led by Mrs. Paschall, Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Algood held a feast on Lee's birthday to put chairs in the pulpit.

Our church officers, imbued with the true spirit, went out and covered a widow's

kitchen and built her a porch. Our pastor, in expressing his approval, said: "You did better to build that porch than to preach twenty-five sermons." Those who did this work are as follows: Messrs. C. W. Shaw, Nelson George, John Boyd, John Marks, N. S. Algood and W. H. Marks. Their dear wives vied with them in this spirit of missions and share equal honor.

The Westminster Guild is flourishing with Miss Maggie L. Teggin as President and Mr. Purcell Teggin, leading the Boys' Fellowship.

Ogden Chapel, Charlie Hope, contributed to the Circle and sent greetings through Mrs. A. A. Wallace. Her W. M. Society was well represented in the meeting of the Circle.

On Ingleside Day, March 27, a program will be rendered under the auspices of her three alumnae, Mrs. Lelia J. Jiggitts, Miss Mary Crawley and Mrs. Mary Beverly Marks Alumnae President.

Permit us, please, to speak through your columns to the Alumnae Association that the Treasurer would be pleased to hear from them and that we hope for a happy reunion next commencement at Ingleside.

We crave your prayers and trust to feel the power of them in all our humble efforts to do the Master's bidding. Bracey, Va.

CAN TUBERCULOSIS EVER BE CURED?

Sanatorium, N. C., March 7.—Taken in its minimal stage 93 cases out of every one hundred who get the proper treatment recover from tuberculosis, according to statistics of the North Carolina Sanatorium. The percentage of cures in tuberculosis is higher than in any of the other chronic major diseases.

To find tuberculosis in the minimal stage a knowledge of the symptoms of tuberculosis and regular physical examinations by a specialist are the surest methods of detecting it early. Every person ought to know pleurisy and a hemorrhage are nearly always caused by tuberculosis and if a person has pleurisy or a hemorrhage he almost surely has tuberculosis, yet many people do not know this.

There are a number of other symptoms, warning symptoms, that may or may not mean tuberculosis. These warning symptoms usually come before the pleurisy or hemorrhage and should be heeded. If the first of the symptoms are heeded the chances for finding the disease in its incipency are increased many times. These symptoms are: Loss of weight, strength or energy, loss of appetite, indigestion, fever in the afternoon or evening with a normal or subnormal temperature in the morning, a cough that lasts longer than three weeks and an anal fistula.

If you are at all worried about your health go to your family physician for a thorough examination. If he can't satisfy himself about your disease have him make arrangements for an examination by a specialist. If you are not able to go to a private specialist you may receive examination free of charge at the North Carolina Sanatorium if you will have your physician arrange for it in advance.

Enormous numbers of men and women worship themselves and disguise their self-worship by identifying themselves with something larger—a nation, a party, a class or a cause—which provides them with a ground-work of their self-esteem and a reason for their self-assertion.—Selected.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN TENNESSEE

By Rev. J. J. Shepperson
Sabbath School Missionary

Ever since the apostles of old received the command to "Go and make disciples of every nation," Christ's followers have felt the responsibility of winning the world for Him. As we pass into the new Church year our minds naturally reflect on past accomplishments. Briefly speaking, we note some splendid work as results of schools of method and teacher training. The D. V. B. S. is still progressing; a number of S. S. Institutes, workers' conferences and some mission Sunday schools have been added. This, together with young people's organizations and aiding churches, constitutes my work brief. In other words, missionary work is hard to describe in words, and were it not for our consciousness of the ever present eye of the Almighty God we should feel our stars but few.

There is one thing that can not be denied, and that is, missionary efforts have and are adding new members to our church roll. As they are converted from our missionary schools and mission fields they want to join not the church but the Presbyterian Church.

The controlling idea of the Presbyterian or Calvinistic system of thought, both theoretically and practically, is the doctrine of the unconditional sovereignty of God, by which sovereignty is meant the absolute control of the universe and all that it contains, whether visible or invisible things, by the one supreme, eternal, omniscient, omnipresent and omnipotent Spirit, for wise, just, holy and loving ends known fully alone to Himself. This divine sovereignty finds perpetual expression throughout the Presbyterian system and organizations, small and great; the Word of God is the supreme and infallible rule of faith and practice. The Presbyterian Church then has a distinctiveness of its own, standing alone on its own program founded on the Word of God.

It is not strange, then, that so many want to join the Presbyterian Church. A man whose daughter is secretary of one of our Sabbath school missions said to me some time ago, "My daughter wants to join the Presbyterian church. I don't know why," he continued, "All of us are _____, but I do not believe it is right to persuade children to join where they do not want to be, hence I have consented." She came to Bristol and joined the Ninth Street church that week.

Yesterday my wife received a letter from her in which was enclosed her New Era budget and also money from other friends there. At another station in Greene County, Tenn., after a very interesting Sunday school lesson, I asked for those who were unsaved to come forward and acknowledge Christ. With the five who responded was a local preacher of another faith. I notified our nearest minister and he informed me later that he baptized all the following Sunday and took them in the church, including the local preacher's daughter.

Many instances of the kind could be mentioned but for lack of space. Then, too, our vision is broader than saving of souls because it would never do to leave the individual there. A Christian character must be instilled which requires patience and labor. Thus in our teaching we have encouraged prayer, that the life might be strengthened so that the individual may become strong spiritually. We have also encouraged the study of the Bible. We have also placed Bibles in homes and

with individuals where there were none. Through this method of the new believer has arrived at self-mastery. He has turned from the ways of the world and acknowledged Christ as Saviour and Lord. He has formed the habit of prayer and Bible study and thus gained spiritual strength. In other words, the individuals among whom we labored are at this point strong Christians. Surely to see so many Christians attending church and Sunday school would mean that we have covered our bounds of activities, but no, not yet. The cream work has not been reached, for as one writer says, "We are saved to serve, if saved at all." When Christ saved the woman at the well she was instrumental in bringing hundreds to Him and she went about this duty forthwith. Thus if the convert sits and folds his hands it would show that while Christ's blood frees from sin's guilt it does not free from sin's selfishness. Then, too, the convert is losing the joy of Christian service.

Since longing for the saving of souls through true Christian service is unmistakable evidence of disciples of Christ, we have in our Sabbath schools training classes and young people's organizations; we have also monthly missionary instructions. Thus from the above command, "Go and make disciples of every nation," we (1) gathered them in and made pupils by organizing a mission S. S. (2) We then made our pupils Christians, by observing Decision Day and giving them opportunity to acknowledge Christ. (3) We then made our Christians workers by training them in training classes, workers' conferences and Sunday school institutes, all of which means but one thing, that is, if we are disciples we are to save the world for Him, who gave Himself for us.

There is no bigger job, no higher office, no greater responsibility. Are you afraid to go. Listen! He says, "I am with you to the end of the world."

MATHER-PERIT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA.

By Rev. J. H. Cooper

"We, his servants, will arise and build."—Nehemiah 2:20.

Will you please help us? We, the members and friends of the Mather-Perit Presbyterian church, St. Augustine, Fla., are endeavoring to raise funds for the erection of a brick church building which we have been in need of for many years.

Nineteen years ago we came from Cheraw, S. C., to St. Augustine, Fla., to continue religious work. On reaching this field we found about five members of the church. They had no church edifice nor a home for the minister and his family—no property whatever that they could call their own. They were permitted to use a little chapel on Granada Street only for religious purposes.

This chapel is on the West side of the street, opposite the fashionable "Hotel Alcazar," and about six hundred feet from the famous "Ponce De Leon Hotel," all of the H. M. Flagler System.

We soon found that this location would not suit a growing religious work, so we began looking for another and soon found it.

This new site, a lot measuring 105x101 feet, facing Washington Street, East, is bounded on the North by Dehaven Street, and on the South by "Park Place."

By solicitations we got the little chapel mentioned above, and \$500.00 to pay for moving the same to its new location.

that is, instead of putting it up as it was, to erect a two-story building. To do this we had to raise \$900 and in less than six months we had the money, and in fourteen months after entering St. Augustine, Fla., we had a nice little chapel—below for service, and six large rooms above for the minister and his family to live in.

During these gloomy days we were visited by Dr. E. P. Cowan, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and after showing him the work accomplished in one year and plans for the immediate future, he said, "You have stirred the old town. We will keep a watch on you."

Our work has had a steady growth here in every way. We began to raise money for our new brick church building in June, 1926, and up to this date we have kept up with all expenses. We owe nothing to any one and have in hand \$600 and fifteen thousand brick on the ground.

Our next rally will be on March 20, 1927. In this we are hoping to lift the \$600 to \$1,000. Will you please help us?

BARBER COLLEGE NEWS

By Jeetta Stinson.

The Rex Club, which is composed of Anniston young men, with Mr. Kirby, President, entertained a group of girls from the College Monday evening with a delightful dinner party at the home of Mrs. Weaver.

Seven o'clock was the hour of the party. Cordially receiving the girls were Mrs. Annie Johnson, Miss Dover Weaver, and Mrs. Weaver, with Mr. Julian Brown as host. Mr. Brown and the young men who assisted him carefully saw to it that everybody was happy and that the time did not lag.

In the hall stood a huge bowl of punch which was served during the evening. Later a delicious plate dinner was served, consisting of chicken salad on lettuce, sandwiches, saltines and delightful little cookies. The favors were little baskets of candy and mints.

Just before leaving, the S. L. P. D. Q. sang "We'll cheer the boys of Anniston." At ten o'clock the girls had thanked the young men's club, and the Dean of Women for a pleasant evening and were in their rooms for a pleasant night's rest.

The S. L. P. D. Q. conducted services at Mt. Olive Baptist church Sunday, March 13, at 3 P. M., for a rally in the interest of the Sunday school.

Thursday evening the "Pied Piper of Hamelin" was given by the Physical Education Department, under the direction of Miss Knight, followed by a box supper under the supervision of the second division of the Westminster Guild, with Miss Veronica Redd as chairman. As it was St. Patrick's Day, "Mike and Pat" were there in old Ireland's green and white, and shamrocks were growing in the air all over the dining-room. A large number of guests attended including several young men from the College in Talladega. The "Pied Piper" was good, with its frolicsome skipping, its dignified "Minuet" followed by airy gliding and the rhythmic clog. Ida Scott Cooper, as the Piper who piped the children into the hill, was particularly good in her part. As preludes to this little play Indian club drills accurately illustrated the beauty of unity, and Greek pictures reminded one of the old statues or picture from Grecian days.

After this program came the boxes, piles and piles of them, in numerous frills and petals. They were auctioned by Dr. Walker; then their contents were tested by couples and

groups all over the room.

Soon a grand march was announced and all joined in that game. Ice cream and homemade candy were sold throughout the evening. Regrettably the guests departed when taps were sounded in the building. Receipts from the entertainment were about \$60.00, with a net profit for the Board of Missions of \$30.

"Poetry is the first and last of all knowledge—It is as immortal as the hearts of men."

It is with great joy and enthusiasm that we are greeting Spring and all its fresh, sweet beauty at Barber. February warned us of its coming by sending us fragrant wild plum and peach blossoms. Then March came in like a lion and we were not a little afraid as the rain, frost and even snow fell upon them. March subsided, however, and we are now glad to have not only peach and plum blossoms, but budding trees, violets, bulettes, green grass and little brooklets in the mountains with the promise of honeysuckle and sweet wisteria very soon.

All these beautiful promises and realizations of Spring have greatly influenced the Poetry Club. During the last two months we have given our thoughts to nature, using many of the promises as symbols of people and things that appear in our daily lives and we are enjoying this immensely. With so much beauty around us we can readily agree with Wordsworth when he said,

"And I have felt
A presence that disturbs me
with the joy
Of elevated thoughts; a sense
sublime
Of something far more deeply
interfused,
Whose dwelling is the light of
setting suns,
And the round ocean, and the
living air,
And the blue sky, and in the
mind of man."

The first symbols we wrote this Spring were concerned with the endless peach and plum blossoms that decorated the hillside and valley. The rich perfume, delicate petals, and the snowy whiteness of the wild plum were the inspiration of numerous little ones.

Dorothy Williams described one of her friends in a very beautiful way,—

"She is like the apple tree—
The roughness of the outside
Is hidden
By the continual bursting forth
Of good and beautiful things
From within."

Violettes and bulettes gave Roosevelt Lee the inspiration to write these expressive little lines:

"The violet that nestles
At the foot of a tree
Is like a babe
Clinging to the arms
Of its mother."

Odessa Currey presented this charming little poem about a friend:

"Her life
Was a chalice
Of pure, unburnished gold;
Ever taking in
And shedding forth
Pure sunlight,
As the folding and unfolding
Of morn's first flower."

Bessie Mayle, ex-President, read these at the last meeting:

"Plum blossom fragrance
Like a rare theme
Floats on the March wind
Forming the first movement
In the Symphony of Spring."

"I was a speckled moth
Held by thick, green waters—
Then she came.
And now
I am held
By the light
Of her soul."

With these scant offerings of our joy we greet our friends through the Africo and wish for them the full pleasure of the Poetry of Spring.