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

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BIRMINGHAM PRESBYTERY

Birmingham Presbytery met April 13-18, 1927, at 7:30 P. M. with Clark's Chapel Presbyterian church, Ackerman, Miss.

Weather conditions had much to do with the attendance, yet in face of the conditions, new to the oldest of us, our Presbytery came nearer paying her full quota on benevolence this year than any past year. Half of our churches joined the 10 per cent club. Surely the Lord was with us, for we do not remember when there was a more manifest Christ-Spirit in the meeting. It seemed that the people were prepared in heart for it. All denominational lines disappeared.

Rev. Van Horn Murray, of West Point, Miss., preached the opening sermon. This was masterly and spiritual.

Rev. W. H. Lamplsey, of Ethel, Miss., was elected Moderator, and Elder B. L. Greer, of Miller Memorial church, Birmingham, Ala., the "big brother" of Presbytery, was elected temporary clerk.

The reports from standing committees were good.

Presbytery listened with a deal of interest to reports from the Presidents of Mary Holmes Seminary and Barber Woman's College. The facts brought out showed that these institutions were able from all angles to give our girls what they need to fit them for life, as far as education is concerned.

The news, David S. Collier and J. W. Lewis were dismissed to join McClelland and Le Vere Presbyteries.

Rev. George E. Cooper and Elder R. M. Morgan were elected commissioners to the General Assembly.

The greatest Christ-Spirit I ever saw in a Presbytery was manifested by Dr. C. J. Baker, who was easily the choice of Presbytery as commissioner, and had expressed his desire to go last summer when he refused the election on the ground that the man whose time it was to go and who was absent might come. After delaying the election as long as we could, Dr. Baker found that Rev. Cooper was present and one year older than he was in this matter, and still declined to go unless Rev. Cooper did not care to go. His speech was so Spirit-filled, so empty of self that it vanished from view the strongest candidacy and Rev. Cooper was elected and Dr. Baker alternate. Have you a Dr. Baker in your Presbytery?

The state of religion in our bounds as brought out on the floor of Presbytery was found to be good and encouraging.

The Ladies' Missionary Society went over the top as usual on Friday night. Mrs. Campbell took the audience on a trip through Africa. The rain stayed off until Saturday morning. We were happy to have dry days in Mississippi.

Our Sunday School Missionaries are doing telling services in our bounds. Their reports showed that they have done their duty in finding the out of the way places.

In many respects this was the most enjoyable meeting we have ever had.

We have one vacancy and need a man.

Our hope is that every church in our Presbytery will pay its quota in full this year.

H. L. PETERSON,
Stated Clerk.
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YADKIN PRESBYTERY

By Dr. I. H. Russell
Yadkin Presbytery met April 13th, at 7:30 o'clock, in Tradd St. Presbyterian church, Statesville, and was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Dr. Z. A. Dockery. He preached a high class sermon which inspired the Presbytery and lasted through the entire session. The Rev. J. E. McMillan, of Sanford, was chosen Moderator.

He filled the chair with dignity and ability.

The Mayor of Statesville welcomed the Presbytery to the city. Other welcomes were made which made us feel at home.

Dr. J. L. Hollowell and his good people made splendid arrangements to entertain the entire Presbytery which was largely attended.

We were graced with a few distinguished visitors, the following brethren spending some time with us: Dr. L. B. West, of Catawba Presbytery; Rev. O. E. Sanders, of Catawba; and Rev. A. H. Prince, of Fairfield. A number of pastors of other denominations dropped in and were introduced to the Presbytery. A letter from Rev. T. B. Hargrave, of Cincinnati, containing a liberal contribution, was read to us.

The financial condition was in advance of former years, and with few exceptions the churches paid their General Assembly assessments, and a large number paid their full benevolence quotas.

The statistical report showed an increase in our membership. Both showed interest and devotion by the servants of God.

The churches at Logan, New Center, Pleasant Grove and Cameron gave mid-day dinner at the Masonic Hall and from look of the tables, after 125 or 130 people had been bountifully supplied, it seemed as if there were no hard times around these churches. The Ladies' Missionary Society served us with cake and cream Friday afternoon at the same hall from 5:30 to 6:30 o'clock.

Few changes were made by the Presbytery. Dr. William J. Rankin was asked to take the field which includes Lexington and Thomasville; Rev. J. W. Jones, Jr. was asked to take the field at Mt. Airy; Dr. W. G. Avant was asked to take the field at Burlington in connection with the Pine Street church at Durham. The Rev. L. E. Yates having his hands full to do the work at Graham and Mebane, was the reason the Burlington field was given Dr. Avant.

Mr. R. N. Cowan, of the Senior class at Johnson C. Smith University, was ordained to preach the gospel and his name was enrolled. Mr. J. H. Smith, one of the elders of Tradd St. church, was given local evangelist license for one year.

All reports on the four Boards were good. The Presbytery accepted its benevolence quotas.

The Ladies' program on Friday night was one of the best in the history of the Presbytery. The Presbytery closed with loudest praise to their very fine entertainment and to Dr. Hollowell and his good people of Statesville. Yadkin Presbytery will meet next year with Pine St. church, Durham.

FATHER-SON BANQUET IN THE CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILSON, N. C.

Nearly ninety men and boys were present at the Father-Son banquet held May 4th in the Calvary church. It was a wonderful sight to see bright youth and snow-crowned age rub elbows with each other and mingle in mirth and laughter. The oldest one present was eighty-one years.

The principal speakers were Mr. S. H. Vick, Supt. of Sunday school, who spoke on the Fifth Commandment. In the course of his talk he gave a beautiful synopsis of "Romola" with a present day application. Mr. Wm. Hines, teacher of the Intermediate class of boys, talked on "Thrift." The burden of his message to the boys was to acquire the habit of saving. He used many practical illustrations to drive home his point. Mr. Hubert Stucky (white), Scout Executive for Wilson County, spoke on the develop-

ment of Personality. He emphasized the fact that every boy should be reliable and resourceful. His message was clinched with timely illustrations.

Dean Wm. H. Holloway, of Bricks Junior College, delivered the Vocation Day message to the young people the first Sunday in May. His subject was, "How Shall I Earn My Daily Bread?" Music was furnished by more than sixty young voices.

Mr. Hines, who represented our church at the Conference conducted by the Southern Presbyterian Church for colored women, submitted her impressions of the Conference at the Albemarle Presbyterial in session at Wilson. The organization was loud in singing her praise. "Her production ranked high among the best of the meeting."

Dr. D. C. Yancey recently gave to the church all of the profits made in his drug store on a certain Friday. Dr. Yancey is the manufacturer of Yancey's Cough Medicine. This medicine is gaining in popularity in East Carolina. It is sold by all of the white drug stores in Wilson. Dr. Yancey is a son of the late Rev. W. A. Yancey, of Sunday School Missionary fame.

Mr. J. D. Reid recently addressed the faculty and student body of Tuskegee Institute.

Mr. S. H. Vick represents Cape Fear Presbytery at the Assembly in San Francisco.

Mr. Daniel Freeman, a teacher of Art in Tuskegee Institute, is home visiting his father. Mr. Freeman has reached a high state of proficiency in his line of work. He frequently draws the cover designs of the Crisis, Opportunity and Success magazines.

"THE SCRIBE."

LITERARY AND ART AWARDS.

On Saturday night at a dinner at the Fifth Avenue Restaurant in New York, the annual literary art awards offered by "Opportunity, Journal of Negro Life," Charles S. Johnson, Editor, were made known. The dinner, presided over by Prof. John Dewey, of Columbia University, was a brilliant and distinguished white and colored gathering. Speeches were made by Paul Green, winner of this year's Pulitzer prize for his play, "In Abraham's Bosom;" Harry Hansen, of "The New York World;" Mrs. Edith Isaacs, Editor of "Theatre Arts Monthly;" John Macy and Alain Locke, Editor of "The New Negro." Musical numbers were rendered by Mrs. Nell Hunter, soprano, of Durham, N. C., and Mr. T. Henry Johnson, tenor, a graduate of New England Conservatory. Among a host of distinguished attendants were John Macy, who presided at last year's dinner, James Weldon Johnson, Walter White, Maxwell Bodenheim, poet and novelist; Professor Robert Kerlin, Henry Goddard Leach, Editor of "The Forum;" William Pickens, W. C. Handy, the composer; Alice Dunbar Nelson, Carl Van Vechten and Jessie Fauset, novelist.

"Opportunity" is published monthly by the National Urban League of which Engene Kinckle Jones is Executive Secretary. This is the third year in which prize to foster art and literature have been donated under its auspices, the first year through the generous contribution of Mrs. Henry Goddard Leach, the last two years through that of Mr. Casper Holstein, a Negro merchant from the Virgin Islands, who, to each contestant donated one thousand dollars. The special Buckner awards given for the first time this year are the gifts of George W. Buckner, a Negro banker, of the People's Finance Corporation, of St. Louis, Mo.

The awardees in the several

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YEAR'S WORK OF THE AMELIA PRESBYTERIAN CIRCLE.

Big Oaks Society
Having just returned from Southern Virginia Presbytery, we began our year's missionary work with Big Oaks Missionary Society, April 16th, 1926 with Mrs. M. J. Wright, presiding, and who conducted the devotionals, reading the 28th Psalm. Prayer was offered by Rev. T. H. Lackland, followed by singing, "The Fight Is On." The roll was called and Big Oaks, Oak Grove, Christian Light Mission, and Albrights answered present.

The minutes were read and adopted, after which the speaker of the day, Rev. T. H. Lackland, was presented. Rev. Lackland spoke from the subject, "Modern Contribution to our Present Day Society," and from this topic the Rev. Lackland proved himself a master orator. He brought to his audience contributions which held them spellbound with interest for more than an hour. Everyone declared himself benefited for having heard him. The collection on this occasion was fine.

On motion Christian Light Mission was named as the next place of meeting, the third Sunday in July, 1926.

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At Christian Light Mission, third Sunday in July, 1926, Mrs. M. J. Wright, presiding, and devotionals as follows: Scripture reading, 3rd chapter of Malachi; prayer, Mr. Joseph Johnson, Elder, Big Oaks; singing, "There's a Royal Banner." The roll was called by Miss Annie Vaughn, Secretary. Christian Light Mission, Big Oaks, Oak Grove and Russell Grove were represented.

Minutes of the last meeting by the Secretary were received and adopted.

A little program by Christian Light Mission was presented: Welcome address, little Miss Clara Perry.

Duet, Mrs. Seppie Mann and Mrs. Lena Scott.

A marching song by twelve girls, "We are marching for Jesus," was very enjoyable.

After the program, Mrs. M. J. Wright, who had been chosen for the speaker on this occasion, was presented by Mrs. S. V. Thompkins. Mrs. Wright spoke from the topic of "Self-consecration," based upon the words spoken by the prophet Isaiah, "Here am I, send me." Mrs. Wright speaks well on all occasions but on this particular day she seemed inspired by the Unseen Spirit, so diligently did she portray the importance of Self-consecration if we are to carry on the work which is at our hands to do.

It was at this meeting that Mrs. S. V. Thompkins presented the National Missions' appeal that the Ladies' Missionary societies do their share of benevolence, whereupon a plan was drawn up by which it was earnestly hoped all the ladies would do their share at the next meeting of the circle convening at Russell Grove through a pageant, "Seven Nations at Queen Sheba's Court," and which was to be presented by Mrs. S. V. Thompkins. Each local society was a court with a queen, court ladies, and the children serving as pages and princesses.

The collection was grand here also, and we parted happy for what had been accomplished and for having worked side by side in the presence of Him who careth for the lilies of the field.

On motion Russell Grove was chosen the next place of meeting on the fifth Sunday in October, 1926.

Russell Grove
At Russell Grove on the fifth Sunday in October, 1926, devotionals were conducted by Mrs. M. J. Wright, the President. Prayer was offered by Mr. John W. Harris, and then there was

the song, "From Greenland's Icy Mountains." The roll was called by the Secretary, Miss Vaughn. All of the societies were present except Mt. Zion. Minutes of the last meeting were received and adopted.

The program for this day was as follows: A discussion, "The Message of Good Will," led by Mrs. S. V. Thompkins. Address—"Benevolence," Rev. W. H. Freeland, who is now at Goldsboro, N. C.

Chorus, "I'm Going to Build Right on that Shore," Big Oaks boys.

After this the pageant was staged: Queen, Big Oaks Court, Mrs. Jennie Johnson. Queen, Russell Grove court, Mrs. Lucy Farrar. Queen, Oak Grove court, Mrs. Lena Scott.

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Mt. Hermon
The last meeting of the fiscal year was at Mt. Hermon the 5th Sunday in February. This meeting was called to order by Miss Annie R. Vaughn. The President, not feeling well, was late.

The Scripture lesson, the 24th Psalm, was read. Prayer was led by Rev. W. H. Shepperson, followed by singing, "Tell Somebody Today."

The welcome address was delivered by Mrs. Kate Archer and the response was by Mrs. S. V. Thompkins. The roll call showed all societies present but Mt. Zion.

The speaker for the occasion was Rev. W. A. Rogers (white) of Amelia, Va., whose timely instructive and constructive subject was, "The Why, the Way and Results of Missions." When Rev. Rogers was through speaking we all felt that he had said not only what was pleasing, but just what was instructive and needed. We thanked Rev. Rogers and we hope he may come again.

Mrs. Claire Pearson Alter, preceptress of Ingleside Seminary, gave the circle a short address in favor of the Vacation Bible School. We thanked Mrs. Alter for the instruction and now think some of us will have Vacation Bible Schools this summer. And, too, we love to state here that Mrs. Alter, with her famous Ingleside Quartette, has been with each of our meetings during the year and has rendered most excellent service. The quartette has sung several selections on each occasion. And through these columns we wish to thank them.

We thank, too, the ministers of the county—Rev. Lackland, Rev. Freeland, now of Goldsboro, N. C., and Rev. Shepperson, who so generously gave of their services.

We also thank Mrs. Estelle B. Wingo, who is a member of our Russell Grove church, and is public school supervisor. Though kept very busy with her daily work she finds time to lend a helping hand to the circle.

Our next place of meeting is Russell Grove on the fifth Sunday in May.

We are calling each missionary local to be present upon this occasion. Let us begin the year by knowing what is required of us, and with a greater determination to do even better this year than last.

MISS ANNIE R. VAUGHN,
Recording Secretary.

BARBER COLLEGE NEWS

By Joetta Stinson

Last Friday morning in Barber a great deal of preparation might have been noticed at 10:30 as if something unusual was about to happen. The signal given, long files of gray with edges of white and rows of blue with edges of white passed down to the gate of the campus and out to the street. They were the Barber girls in grey and blue dresses with collars and cuffs of white. "What a happy looking crew! Today is the picnic day and all the schools will be there." With tickets to Hobson City Park, a gift from the President, 150 girls were deposited in cars and were merrily singing and yelling on their way. Nothing but fun—swimming, promenading the pavilion, eating, playing, looking and doing everything imaginable. Some of the faculty took part in the fun. Late afternoon a beautiful drive to Oxford Lake and homeward bound—everybody happy, care-free all day; no books, no work—nothing to do but play.

The 3rd College class, sponsored by Miss Ruth Smith, presented "The Rising of the Moon," a play in one act for the benefit of the College parlor. This class, of three did well in securing \$13.00 from door receipts and the sale of ice cream.

Recent visitors to Barber were Mrs. John Allen Blair and Mrs. William M. Wills, both from Philadelphia. Mr. Paul Hovgard from Emporia, Kansas, was a week-end guest of Miss Bettie Young, piano teacher.

The commencement exercises of South Highland High School, adjoining Barber, began Thursday night. The Misses Harper, Miller, Brown and Lee, from the Sophomore and Freshman departments of Barber, were instructors of the 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades in the South Highland School and were responsible for the success of the "Fairy Operetta" on Thursday.

Friday evening at 5:30 a part of the Physical Education demonstration was given in the dining room in connection with a carnival sponsored by the Universal Club with Miss Gertrude Davenport as chairman. The dining room was gayly decorated. Booths of candy, sandwiches, cake and ice cream and a gypsy fortune teller were dotted over the room.

The program was very well arranged, with Luester Brown as Don Juan, Dorethea Williams as the Jester, Louise Ross and Lillian Smith in La Paloma, Mammie Wright as Peter Pan with Three Fairies, and other group parts. Owing to the inclemency of the weather it was impossible to have the entire May Fete with the Gypsy Camp and Queen which was planned for the lawn.

The walls and ceiling of the chapel are being redecorated for commencement week. The new window shades and fresh tan walls will give our beautiful chapel a very restful appearance.

CALDWELL CHURCH NOTES

Sunday morning, April 17, our pastor brought to us a sermon of much power from Matthew 28:6. It was indeed soul-stirring.

After the sermon we listened to our delegate's report and Rev. Moore also gave an interesting talk concerning the Presbytery and church.

We are very glad to note that the contest between Reed's School, Smithville, Withers and Caldwell, which was held at Caldwell, April 11, was reported very good. There was a large crowd and nice behaviour, and plenty of refreshments were sold to help get supplies for the school kitchen.

A MEMBER.