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

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MARY POTTER AND THE SCHOOL OF METHODS

Mary Potter extends both the invitation and welcome to the School of Methods which will convene here the last week in August.

The School of Methods meets the needs of every forward-looking worker in the field of Christian education. That it is a panacea for the difficulties of Sabbath school and church work will be amply and clearly explained by another contributor in a following issue of this paper. We here shall acquaint you with the advantages that will be had by coming to Oxford, N. C.

First and foremost, those attending this year, aside from the rarified atmosphere and unusual contacts that give one a new point of view, will get the history of a genuine secondary school by first-hand information. Mary Potter is the elongated shadow of a man who has persistently stood for morality, sterling Christian principles, Christian education and Negro uplift. It will be well worth the trip in terms of inspiration to see Dr. G. C. Shaw in all of his virility, the man who founded and has piloted Mary Potter through the years.

Dr. G. C. Shaw has not only been a true herald of Christianity, but a genuine race leader as well. This recognition is clearly demonstrated by his continuous holding of a place on the Inter-Racial Committee of this State for years. He functions in that place with a prophetic vision for the race and fails not to make an opportunity to offer solutions that will make for adequate readjustments. The youth of Catawba will do well to come here for the School of Methods and drink of this well of inspiration.

Buildings and Grounds

Mary Potter is amply able to accommodate all who come. Pittsburgh Hall, a modern, spacious, commodious \$50,000 building will be the home of the young ladies. Wells Hall, an up to date building, is the amply spacious home for the men.

The Mary Potter Administration Building is reputed to have the best school auditorium among the colored boarding schools of the State. The acoustics of the auditorium is of such equilibrium that it makes for ease both to the platform lecturer and the hearers. Dr. Shaw is sparing no pains or effort to whip everything in shape for your accommodation and pleasure during your stay here for training.

Four beautiful tennis courts, the volley ball court, and croquet grounds will be in first-class condition.

Two Largest Orphanages

Another advantage looms up. Two of the largest orphanages in the State are in this community. The largest orphanage for the whites, with beautiful buildings and well kept grounds, is within three blocks of Mary Potter. It is attractive in beauty and potential in its effort to educate the white orphans of the State.

The orphanage for colored children, headed by Hon. H. P. Cheatham, an ex-Congressman, is only a five minutes' ride from Mary Potter. In these two institutions both orphans and delinquent boys and girls are given an education that is practical. The above mentioned institutions offer excellent opportunity for observation both for work in education and social welfare, as they are being conducted by the State.

Center of Schools and Colleges
Oxford has the right name. Aside from being the second largest tobacco market in the South, it is the center of educational institutions. Ten of the largest and most progressive secondary and collegiate institutions in the State are within a radius of fifty miles of Oxford.

While in Oxford take a ride for three hours and this coveted opportunity will be yours.

Break Down Decadence

That there is decadence in our church institutions is evident on every hand. The failure of the church and Sabbath school to keep pace with other educational institutions is a fact that needs but to be mentioned and proof is outstanding in every community.

To meet this growing need in our churches Rev. F. C. Shirley, Dean of the School of Methods, and Dr. J. M. Somerndike, the director of Sabbath School Work in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., are procuring the services of the best lecturers and experts in the field of Sabbath School work to instruct our youth. In view of the tentative plans, those in charge predict this will be one of the best ever conducted.

We, the Mary Potter School, extend the invitation to the Catawba Synod in particular and all others that feel the urgent need, to come to this School of Methods, which will be held here August 22-29. Here you will get facts, spiritual inspiration, refreshing recreation and the educational approach that are indispensable in building up adequately and efficiently our churches and Sabbath schools.

H. S. DAVIS.

THE SOUTHERN WORKMAN FOR JUNE.

The current issue of the Southern Workman (published by the Hampton Institute Press) contains an article by Robert T. Kerlin, called "Conquest by Poetry," in which he strikes a new but timely note on the young Negro poets. Dr. Edwin Mims' Founders' Day address at Tuskegee also appears in which the extremes of the age, the "Runnin' Wild, Lost Control" of modern society are emphasized as opposing forces in the "battle for a genuine idealism and a chastened optimism."

The annual report of Principal James E. Gregg, of Hampton Institute tells of the present status of the school in a full but interesting way.

Editorials comment upon the obligation of the country to furnish real education to Negro Americans, the annual meeting of the Commission for Interracial Cooperation recently held in Atlanta, the dedication of the Harris Barrett Memorial Cottage at the Virginia Industrial School for Girls, and some highlights on the report of the Mayor's Interracial Committee of Detroit. There is also an obituary of Herbert Barclay Turner, Chaplain Emeritus since 1919 at Hampton Institute.

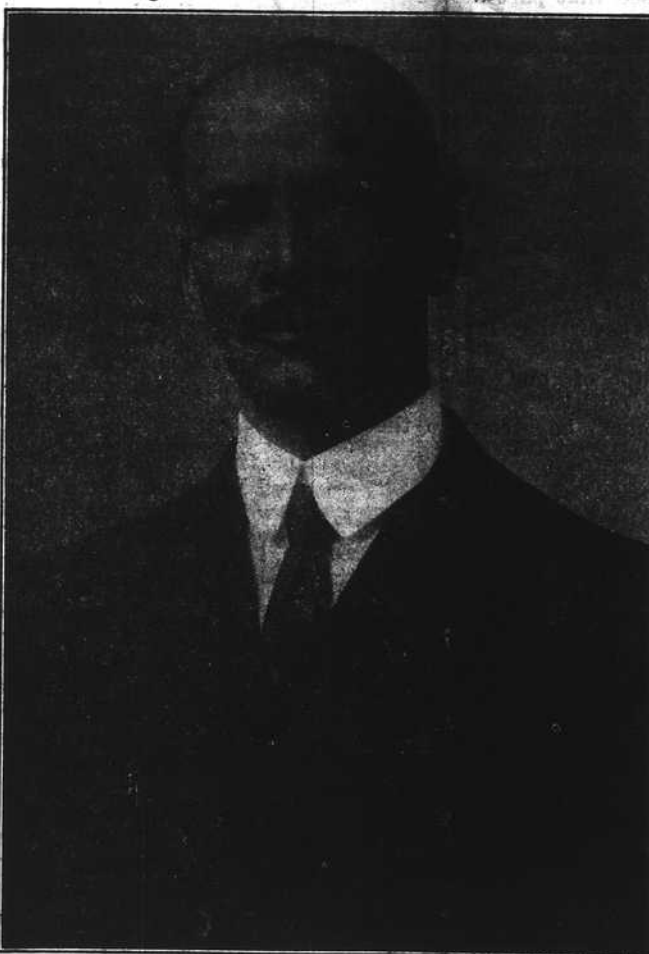
CONQUEST BY POETRY.

The Negro is today singing himself into the respect of the world; not with the precious old slave spirituals, exciting passion, but with new songs that win admiration and disarm prejudice.

More and more difficult is the task of evaluating or describing the literary output of the young Negro writers of the day. It is too various for easy generalizations. There are too many strongly differentiated artists. The time has therefore come for critical essays upon individual creators. This is to say a great deal, by implication, on the subject of recent Negro achievement in literature.

Braithwaite's "Anthology of Magazine Verse" an event of major importance in the literary annals of each year, an authoritative and unrivaled volume, contains in the 1926 issue twenty-three poems by eleven

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BY THE WAY

Butting In

While Dr. Frierson's picture is gloomy, it is nothing more than a shadow of a gloomy substance. Some shadows flatter the substance; and sometimes the grade of the paper is too coarse for the number of the screen, and therefore a smattering of ink instead of a picture. Truly Dr. Frierson's is a gloomy picture of a disadvantage in Negro education in South Carolina, our native State. Many of us who know the real facts in the case and the cause, see the remedy in the glare of the ailment. Certain physical disorders suggest the remedy to arrest them while the organs of the body return to their proper mode of functioning. A case of malarial fever suggests a good dose of calomel and soda followed by quinine for several days; while the mothers of your and my day, Mr. Editor, ran to the cupboard for a piece of nuttin' suet to grease the baby's chest and feet when the little fellow had a "bad cold."

These gloomy conditions prevail and stand out as an ancient doctrine still practiced by a people ancient and hard-set in ancient ideas and customs, which are subversive to Christian principles, to perpetuate gross ignorance among Negroes and only Negroes. This has ever been the case and determined custom and cult where laborious agriculture is the bread and meat of the high and low. Perhaps the same conditions would exist in Maine and Massachusetts if cotton, rice, and other tropical productions could be produced at a profit while the sun points vertically at high noon. Perhaps the South—South Carolina, for instance—would see its way quite clear to give equal accommodations in educational facilities for Negroes if skilled laborers or artisans were the principal laborers. As a general rule, men's opinions vary with their interests. Few men adhere to a righteous principle at the expense of the unrighteous business in which they are engaged. Consistency dictates the repudiation of the principle and the fostering of their unrighteous business; or the forsaking of an inequitable business and the upholding of a Godly principle. The presence of one destroys the existence of the other to prevent a contradiction of terms.

It goes without saying that our white brother in Dixie is consist-

ent with the business he is engaged since he has decided—as Clarence Darrow says—that he will not work, and that he can thrive best on the Negro's ignorance and poverty.

Like many of us, Dr. Frierson is sick of these South Carolina educational conditions for Negroes; and he is telling the public just how he feels about it. His described feelings suggest the old time remedy, which is almost a hackneyed commonplace—the Golden Rule. Schemes to keep in darkness are against God's principles and teaching. Men who love darkness rather than light have evil deeds attributed to them. Only an enlightened Christian conscience actuated by the Golden Rule becomes nauseated at the cause and effect of such school conditions existing in the South generally. These conditions can be changed by the application of the Golden Rule only. This application would give the Negro a man's chance, which would cause a complete restoration of our white brother and neighbor in the South to our confidence in his real love for the religion of Christ. He knows better. "He goes on Sunday to the church,

And sits among his boys;
He hears the parson pray and preach,

He hears his daughter's voice,
Singing in the village choir,
And it makes his heart rejoice."

And yet he will not come to himself and say: "Let's do right in our attitude toward Negro education in our section."

About twelve months ago the superintendent of one of our South Carolina city and county schools went to one of our parochial schools and informed the minister that his parochial school was "not in line" since the county had not been notified of its existence and operation. But the parson opened not his mouth in the form of a dispute, but went right on teaching Negro children seeking light; and today the school is still "out of line in line" doing most excellent work while the superintendent comes by and greets the parson and his efficient wife with a pleasant good morning and a smile. But just how much of it is sincere is hard to say.

Such deception and wickedly contrived schemes to frustrate the plan and policy of Negro education make our group sick; but the nature of the sickness suggests the remedy to every Christian and less belligerent.

UNCLE BILLIE.
Edisto Island, S. C.

HAINES INSTITUTE, AUGUSTA, GA.

By Prof. A. C. Griggs

The commencement at Haines was up to its usual standard and in many events set a high mark for those to follow. On Monday, May 2nd, the Junior class entertained the Seniors by presenting the play "Stop Thief," a farce (fact) in three acts. Laney Percival portrayed the part of James Cluney very well and was ably supported by several very clever actors. A banquet followed the play and covers were laid for 125. The dining hall was beautifully decorated in class colors.

There was a keen but pleasant rivalry shown Thursday night, May 5th, when the Junior and Senior Oratorical contest was held in McGregor Hall. Never before in the history of Haines did so many speakers come within a fraction of the coveted prizes. The Elsie Johnson Memorial prize, \$10 in gold was awarded Catherine Fair of Graniteville, S. C., and the Henrietta McNatt Memorial prize, \$5 in gold, was won by Charity Richardson of Augusta. The opinion of the audience was in harmony with the decision of the judges. The judges were Dr. R. L. Lockett, Prof. John Cade, and Mr. Thomas Berrien.

Monday, May 9th, the Primary School held its closing exercises at which time the operetta "The Neglected Flower Garden" was rendered before a large and enthusiastic audience. The exhibition of the little folks showed great patience and skill on the part of Mrs. Oliver and her co-workers.

Tuesday, May 10th, the students of the music department were presented by the teachers of this department and gave the audience a real treat. The playing of Viola Harris and the singing of Winona Howard showed signs of great promise.

Wednesday, May 13th, was Senior class day. It was a beautiful afternoon and Miss Laney's heart was cheered as the Seniors made the contribution to the athletic field.

Rev. Oscar M. McAdams, pastor of the Mattoon Presbyterian church, Greenville, S. C., delivered the Baccalaureate sermon to a capacity audience. It was a scholarly sermon and all went away well paid for coming.

The musical comedy, "A Night in Arabia," under the direction of Miss Helen Sherrill, drew a large and appreciative audience on Monday, May 16.

The audience who heard the rendition of "The Doll's House," on Wednesday evening, May 18, on Haines campus was more than delighted. This play was so well done that one would have thought that the characters possessed something of the professional. Their fine interpretation of the play is to be accredited to Mr. Willie Rowe Carter, of New York City, who directed it. So engrossed was the audience that it was reluctant to leave; many even went so far as to express disappointment because the ending was different from what they had anticipated.

The closing event of the commencement was the graduating exercises held Friday, May 20, at which time diplomas were presented to 50 graduates by Dr. Greene, assisted by Rev. A. C. Griggs, treasurer and member of the board of trustees. The class was represented by Govan Stevens, whose subject was "The Glory of Going On." The speaker made a plea for college trained leaders. The 2nd speaker, who was the valedictorian of the class, Annie Neal, used as her subject "Are we Fit," portraying the importance of physical, intellectual, and spiritual fitness for the big jobs before the class of 1927. The commencement address was de-

livered by Dr. R. N. Brooks of Atlanta, Ga. This noted educator was forceful and impressive.

Rev. Griggs awarded the following prizes: The L. R. Burroughs prize in English, \$2.50 in gold, was awarded Ruth Blair. The Corine Robinson Memorial prize in English, \$5 in gold, was awarded Emma Pitts. The Negro History prize, a gold medal, was awarded Annie Neal. The prize in Mathematics, \$5 in gold, was awarded Charles T. Walker. The chemistry prize, \$5 in gold, was awarded Jessie Lundy. The prizes in mathematics and chemistry were given by the Junior class. The prize in physiology was won by Fannie Emma Champney and Leveasa Moore. The Music prizes were captured by Catherine Wright and Viola Harris. The N. M. Grigg's scholarship prize, a gold medal given to the student making the highest average during the school year, was won by Viola Harris.

The following scholarships were awarded members of the Senior Class: Atlanta University, Annie Neal, Edwina Dugas, and Emma Pitts.

Knoxville College, Pinkie Young, Annie Cummings, and Charlotte Bussey.

Talladega College, Bessie Abrams, Catherine Duncan, and Alberta Carter.

Lincoln University, Charles T. Walker.

The following gifts of the year were announced:

The Lucy Laney League of New York City, \$300.00; The Lucy Laney League of Chicago, \$125.00; The Lucy Laney League of Savannah, \$106.10; The Lucy Laney League of Macon, \$68.76; The Orioles Club of Augusta, \$30.00; The Class of 1927, \$500.00; The Class of 1912, \$21.00; The Junior Class, \$10.00.

The Haines Auxiliary made their usual gift to the school on commencement night. No group working in the interest of Haines has been more loyal to Miss Laney in all of her struggles for community uplift and betterment and they deserve all praise for their unselfish service.

The late Dr. G. N. Stoney, who for forty years had been an unfailing friend to Haines Institute, in keeping with a long standing promise, left in his will a legacy of \$300 to the Institution. The same was presented by Mrs. Mary Nelson Jones on commencement night. Mrs. Jones spoke of him as a most generous spirit and as a great benefactor, and his service to a large number of the citizens of this community in a professional way. He was hospitable and his secret, unbounded charity to those in distress is a poem of praise. His loss to the community, state, and nation is deeply felt. He was our standard bearer and never left the field in the hour when his services were needed. Miss Laney in accepting the gift spoke of his interest in the institution from its beginning and called him a true friend of Haines.

Senior class roll: Annie Neal, 89.7; Edward Dugas, 85; Pinkie Young, 83.9; Emma Pitts, 83.2; Bessie Abrams, 83.1; Catherine Duncan, 82.2; Annie Cummings, 82; Alberta Carter, 81.7; Helen Beatty, 81.8; Charlotte Bussey, 81.8; Sarah Addison, 80.7; Catherine Fair, 80.2; Mary Louise Powell, 80; Lavada Dunbar, 80.

The tides of the Eternal are with us when we resolve to be true.

A brilliant scholar whose whose death Cambridge, England, is just now mourning, is reported to have said: "I am as blind as a bat." But I am not deaf. At any rate not so deaf as the clergyman who read family prayers with his knees on the cat."—Christian Life.