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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 35.

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SKETCHES OF SOME FORMER RICHARDSON SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Article II.

REV. M. G. JOHNSON, D. D. Rev. Mack G. Johnson was born near Winnsboro, S. C., and was among the first and best students of the Fairfield Normal Institute. He was a pious, diligent, trustworthy young man that gave full time to his books and other things demanded of him. He took little or no interest in games or plays of any kind. He did not know one game from another and if he did he would not say so or go to them. But he liked books and prayer meetings and everybody liked him. He was handy, sympathetic and sound in faith and in the fundamentals.

When Mr. Richardson wanted a trustworthy fellow to conduct prayer meeting he usually selected Johnson, and we thought one reason why he did such a thing so often was because Johnson had more religion than all of us put together. He was praying and preaching long before he was ordained to the gospel ministry. But there was a time when he avoided speaking as much as he could. For example, the first talk he ever made in the school house before a large audience was: "The sun is up and I am up, the sun is down and am down." The house went wild. That was his first effort. But when Mr. Richardson got done with him next day, Johnson's speeches were longer and better after that.

Johnson completed the course in our Institute and went to Howard University, Washington, D. C., and took the course in theology there. At this time he was older and possessed of a pretty large amount of knowledge, both natural and acquired, and made his way all right and graduated with honors from that institution. On his return to Winnsboro he was soon licensed and then ordained by the Presbytery of Fairfield to the full work of the gospel ministry, and began his career of preaching the gospel in York County, S. C. For several years he did good work in getting the people together and preaching to and for them in a manner that he and they became much attached to each other and the churches in his keeping began to grow in numbers and spiritual life and character.

The young man was doing well truly. But his stay in York, S. C., was cut short, for Ladson church, of Columbia, heard about him, and, after sufficient trial of his fitness, etc., they took him and he became their pastor. He became acquainted with his new field of labor and Columbia, and soon was feeling very much at home. Ladson Presbyterian church furnished Mr. Johnson a great big chance to use and use again every bit of knowledge which he possessed in order that he might win success. After working a few years in and for Ladson it was agreed that the congregation needed a new church building.

Everybody began raising money by the usual methods. The church folks and pastor were leaving no stones unturned. Finally Rev. Johnson and his folks thought it wise for him to go North and see if he might not succeed in helping to get a part or most of the sum needed to erect the new building. The proposition worked O. K. The amount was raised and a beautiful new brick building stands today on the lot where the wooden house used to be, which is an honor to all—Ladson people and their friends and to the city of Columbia as well.

The new building brought many new people to Ladson, many of them joined the church

and the entire church grew by leaps and bounds, and is today a credit both to Ladson people and the city of Columbia. Rev. Johnson turned on all his powers of mind and body in his new charge. He was diligent, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. I have never seen a preacher anywhere that could beat Rev. Johnson visiting the sick and the well. He was at home in the sick room and with folks who got into trouble. No matter of what denomination you were, if you were sick or in any kind of trouble Rev. Johnson would call on you and pray before he would leave the house. Like his Master he went about doing good unto all men. He grew in favor of man and God. He had common sense and horse sense and his advice was usually sound. Ladson pulpit never made an uncertain sound or got away from the old time religion, but it stood for Jesus and Him crucified. For 46 years Rev. Johnson held that pulpit and lived above the fog with his face turned toward the sky.

Howard University conferred D. D. on him. I spoke to him about it. He knew to get a degree like that was a fine thing. Of course he did.

But Ladson church and its upkeep never left his mind. How to reach and save souls and build the kingdom interested him more than degrees or human honors. He was sold to Jesus and he respected and revered his Master and lived up to the obligations which he had promised to keep. He worked almost till the hour he died. He was not sick and attended by doctors like some folks. No. He was busy today and gone tomorrow. "None lives too long or dies too soon who lives till life's great work is done." Johnson's work was done, it was time to go and he went. Servant of God, well done! Rest from thy labor and wear thy crown!

COME OUT OF THE VALLEY.

By Mrs. W. Geo. Avant.

(A paper delivered October 2, Home-Coming Day, at Pine St. Presbyterian church, Durham, N. C.)

We find many people going from day to day having the same thoughts and doing the same things. They are eking out a monotonous existence. There seems no solution to their plans. They think their ways are right, and seem to be content. They only give vent to their feelings by finding fault with their brother; they criticize him when really they do not understand his ideas, for things are not what they seem.

They find fault with the preacher, God's anointed, yet they will not preach. God is calling yet. Every child of the King should tell the sinner of that divine love of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Tell them that:

"God calling yet! I cannot stay, My heart I yield without delay: Vain world, farewell, from thee I part, The voice of God has reached my heart." They find fault with the Superintendent and the Sunday school, yet they will not attend nor contribute for its support. They find fault with the choir, yet they will not help to sing those sweet songs of Zion. They find fault with the church services. They say, we did not do like this years ago. This great church of ours has seen fit to make improvements along the upward way, and to have more of God's Word read

in our churches and responsive readings; chant the Lord's prayer and to chant many of the Psalms. Today we find the Psalter in our hymnals.

There was a time when we had no automobiles nor airships but advanced thought has found a new way. Let us not be knockers. The knockers are the valley Christians who have not found a new way, a better way, to do things.

Christ did not remain the same; he grew in wisdom and stature day by day. "Where there is no vision the people perish." We, too, will perish if we have no vision.

Pardon me for this reference. Mr. Hayswood, our co-worker, has found a new way. He is truly in the other class of Christians, I might say the mountain Christians, of which I am proud that Pine Street church has a faithful few to carry on God's work at all times. Mr. Hayswood called us today to celebrate Home-Coming Day. Every Presbyterian of Pine St. church should answer to the roll call. Some, we fear, will not be able to answer to the roll call up yonder. Some are too busy to attend church and Sunday school. They are too poor to give a part of their earnings back to God. Give us the Saviour's precepts.

Let us all find a new way by doing more for our church, criticizing less and cooperating more. The spirit of cooperation must exist in every breast in order to magnify the work of God made manifest in our church and Sunday school.

Come out of the valley and find a new way! Let us ascend the mountains, for the way of the Spirit is one of new ideas. When we feel the higher consciousness within, we become as a unit, God's children, one with Him. We can not, then, be content with limited or adverse thoughts on the mountain, but the desire to expand will be ours.

When we come out of the valley and ascend the mountain we see things from different angles, from a more beautiful view point. As we climb higher and higher we have change of vision, new perspectives.

Only those in the valley see the same things in the same old way. If you fear that to change suddenly would cause too great a shock, why, change gradually. If you have read the 23rd Psalm every morning, why not read the 70th Psalm, learn more of God's holy word which is "a lamp unto our feet."

Come out of the valley, Christians, and live on the mountain beneath a cloudless sky. Let the by-products of our lives become the finished products by keeping in direct communication with God. Let us heed the call to repentance and prepare the way for Christ's second coming; make our paths straight. These are the attributes of the mountain Christians coupled with prayer and almsgiving. Remember Cornelius' alms and prayers reached from earth to heaven.

Come out of the valley, Christians. The greatest sermon Christ ever preached, to my mind, was on the Mount.

Some day meteors will clash, the sun cease its shining. This old earth will burn like a scroll, but the Christians on the mountain, the saints of God whose aims and prayers were received around the throne of God, will be caught up in mid-air and join that innumerable throng that John saw, to answer to the roll call up yonder.

Let us get ready for that stupendous moment. Our church and Sunday school are the anterooms to prepare our souls for that "Great Day."

We are weaving our robes through the looms of time; the golden stitches we take are making a perfect fit for the soul to receive our King. We must

give our time, our talent, our money, our souls and our bodies, all to God.

I conclude with this wonderful poem of Edgar Guest:

"I'm truly sorry for the man,
Though wrapped in luxuries he's
living,
Who follows but a selfish plan
And has not found the joy of
giving."

"But little pride in taking lies,
But little joy in selfish living.
The rich, the poor, the dull, the
wise,
Must find their happiness in giv-
ing."

HOLBROOK ST. CHURCH, DANVILLE, VA.

Mrs. L. E. Hannon.

Sunday, September 25th, was the closing of our Star Rally, which was a great success, and we feel that the effort was not in vain. The amount raised to date is \$245.11. This rally lasted for ten weeks.

Sunday, October 2, was rally day in the Sunday school. This exercise was rendered in the evening at 7:30 by the adults and children of the Sunday school. The amount raised was \$10.36 which was sent to the Board.

Sunday, October 9th, our pastor preached a very helpful sermon from Phil. 3: 13-14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended, but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press forward toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

"Paul had a singleness of purpose. We, as Christians, should have the same purpose in view and that is winning souls for Christ. We should eliminate all weights and forget the past. The church is God's saving agency."

Sunday, Oct. 9th, the Home Department which the late Rev. Mr. Yancey led so long in the Sunday school, but which is now under Mr. P. H. Doswell, rendered a special program for the benefit of Missions at 3:30 o'clock. Some of Danville's best talent appeared on this program. The amount raised by this effort was \$163.25.

All departments of the church and Sunday school have taken on new life since the coming of our new pastor and his wife. We feel that his work in the church and school will be crowned with success.

Industrial High School Opens With High Prospects.

The Industrial High School opened September 19th, one week earlier than usual, with the largest enrollment it has had for a number of years. The enrollment is now 360.

The school is under the supervision of a new Superintendent, the Rev. Thos. B. Hargrave. Rev. Hargrave is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University and Lincoln University. Prof. Fred D. Davis is principal. Prof. Davis is also a graduate of J. C. Smith University. He specializes in Columbia and Hampton Summer Schools; taught last session at Walnut Cove (N. C.) High School.

Mrs. Thomas B. Hargrave, a graduate of Oxford (Pa.) High School, one year at Howard University, and four years New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, Mass., has charge of the sixth and seventh grades.

Miss Deerah Beavers, a graduate of Scotia Seminary, has charge of the first grade.

The other teachers, who were also connected with the school last year, are: Mrs. Hattie Henry, Mrs. Anna D. Gunn, Mrs. Daisy L. Clark, Mrs. Annie B. Claiborn and Mrs. Lucy E. Hannon.

Some new studies have been added to the course to enable the graduates to make the Freshman class in higher institutions. Other new features are

current events each morning, physical exercise three times a week and the organization of an athletic association. The work of the school is hindered because of an inadequate building without equipment and an insufficient number of teachers. The present building has outgrown its day.

SWIFT MEMORIAL COL- LEGE NEWS.

By Dean M. R. Epps.

Mr. John Dillingham, the field secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was at Swift the first part of the week on official business. He spoke to the whole student body in the chapel on Tuesday afternoon. The theme of his remarks was: "Cultivate a Creative Imagination."

At night Mr. Dillingham held an all boys conference, at which time he gave the boys helpful information concerning the local work to be carried out this year.

Rev. C. E. Tucker, D. D., the President of the school, made a flying trip to Knoxville to speak to a large assemblage of people. He returned to his desk late Monday afternoon.

Glover Rhodes and Harry Coleman were the school delegates to the Y. M. C. A. meet-in at Chattanooga, October 6th to 8th. Bennett Allen, one of the students, drove them over in his car.

The Presbyterian church, located on the campus, is being ably supplied by Rev. H. F. Anderson. The student body attend the morning services each Sunday.

Dr. Byers and a host of his friends were the surprise visitors of Dr. and Mrs. Tucker Thursday evening.

New students are continuing to arrive. Last week we had five: two from North Carolina, one from Kentucky and two from Alabama.

Dr. C. E. Tucker will probably attend the inauguration of Dr. Johnson as President of Lincoln University, his Alma Mater.

The Matron, Preceptress and teachers aided the boys in arranging an informal banquet for Mr. Dillingham, the Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

The County Superintendent of schools, the Superintendent of the Rogersville High School, and the Home Economics teacher of the High School, were the visitors of the school Saturday. The purpose of the visit was to compare the work of Swift with what their schools were doing. It was the consensus of opinion of all the visitors that we were on the right road; our equipment was good and the buildings were the cleanest of any they had seen in the county.

Prof. R. E. Lee is leading the football squad in tough scrimmages now, priming them for the game with Johnson City on October 15th. Jordan, Armstrong, Coleman and Williams are showing up in good shape.

The Choral Club, the Quartette, and the Music Appreciation students are down to real work. They will soon start on their public programs.

The College department has had three additional students within the last few days. This year the classes are doing full-credit work in all departments.

Swift Holds Memorial Services for Gov. Peay.

The members of the faculty and student body of Swift Memorial College assembled in De Veve Chapel on Wednesday, October 5th, 1927, at 4 P. M., and after the singing of an appropriate hymn, the reading of the 23rd Psalm and some remarks by the President, the following resolutions were passed:

Whereas it has pleased God, our Heavenly Father, in the wise dispensation of His providence, to remove from labor to re-

ward our chief executive, Governor Austin Peay; and,

Whereas his passing at this time is a great loss to the State of Tennessee, and especially to East Tennessee where we are privileged to live and work; and,

Whereas this section of the State, as well as other sections, has been benefitted by the wise and impartial administration of the affairs of the State under Governor Peay, who has made it possible for the citizens to travel the thoroughfares of this section in ease and comfort throughout the entire year; and who has made it possible for every child in the State to enjoy the advantages of an eight months term of school; and who has also inaugurated other movements for the continuous progress of our beloved Commonwealth;

Therefore, be it resolved, that we, the faculty and student body of Swift Memorial College, Rogersville, Tenn., humbly submitting to Him who doeth all things well, do hereby express our sincere sympathy for, and tender the same sympathy to, the widow and other members of the executive family.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family; and a copy be published in the daily papers of the State.

W. C. HARGRAVE,
Chairman.

BARBER COLLEGE

NOTES

By Joetta Stinson

The chapel devotionals have been very enjoyable so far. Several visiting ministers have conducted exercises. Wednesday morning Rev. Partridge, the evangelist for Northern Alabama, gave an impressive talk.

The Faculty Missionary Society met and organized for the ensuing year. Officers were elected and plans made for work and study. Summer work in both home and foreign activities was also discussed at this meeting.

The tennis court will soon be ready for play. Miss Ternent, with some volunteers from the girls, has arranged to begin work right away to this effect.

A very delightful meeting was held in the chapel Friday evening when the delegates to the Summer Conferences met with faculty and student body to report the meetings and activities they had enjoyed at the conferences. Miss Lina Murray, from the East Tennessee Synod conference, held at Knoxville, and Miss Anslie Jones, from the Augusta Conference, gave very interesting and enthusiastic talks. Other girls also told of Daily Vacation Bible School work this summer.

The East Tennessee Synod will hold its annual meeting in the Calvary Presbyterian church, of Anniston, Alabama, beginning October 19. Barber expects to assist in the entertainment of the Synod and is looking forward to the coming of Dr. Gaston, Miss Petrie and others.

The two Student Government Associations are now in operation at Barber; the High School under the name of the H. S. S. G. A. and the College as C. S. G. A. Both organizations are working effectively.

The Third Senior High girls are decorating and fitting up a large room on third floor to serve as a College Teacher Training room and Third Senior Assembly room.

The Calvary Presbyterian church is undergoing a series of repairs prior to the meeting of Synod. Barber has taken as her share the painting and varnishing of the chairs and possibly part of the woodwork.