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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

By Rev. G. T. Dillard, D. D.

Article III.

KELLY MILLER.

Kelly Miller was born in Fairfield County, S. C., July 18, 1863. He was educated at Fairfield Institute, Howard University and Johns Hopkins University. The degrees of A. B. and A. M. (Howard), and LL. D. (Wilberforce), have been conferred upon him.

My brother and I were in a stone's throw lately of Miller's old home. He never forgot his parents. He secured land for them and visited them from time to time, which did an immense amount of good to his aged parents both here and hereafter.

Mr. Miller is a great writer as everybody knows, and I am unable to do justice to that fact. He is author of the following: "From Servitude to Service," "Race Adjustments," "Out of the House of Bondage," "Appeal to Conscience," "The Everlasting Stain," etc. He contributes articles to many of the popular magazines of the day and is regarded as an authority on many of the great subjects and themes of church and government.

The man that goes up against Kelly Miller will not only have to burn the midnight oil but to see to it that the sun of day comes to his rescue as well. The Negro race is proud of Kelly Miller, Howard University is proud of him, and the colored and white people of Winnsboro, S. C., are more proud of him than anybody else. Hurrah for Miller!

REV. DAVID W. FRAZIER.

Rev. David W. Frazier was born in Fairfield County, South Carolina, was educated at the Willard Richardson School and matriculated at Howard University, Washington, D. C., and graduated from the Theological department in the Spring of 1883. He spent twenty years as a missionary in the Republic of Liberia, West Coast of Africa. He cultivated a large coffee farm, employing many natives.

He was elected Senator to the Liberian Congress from Sinoe County and served with marked distinction for several years. He was a devout missionary of the Presbyterian Church. Having finished his course, he laid life's burdens down amid his labors. He left a wife and several children who are still in Africa.

Just the other day I was in Winnsboro talking with some of the relatives of Rev. Frazier. Frazier was a fine character and made good whatever he undertook. Mr. Richardson used to say to us that he helped to make men who were scattered throughout the world and that he was not ashamed of any of them.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN W. RUSSELL.

Mr. John W. Russell and his wife came from two prominent and well-to-do families of Fairfield County. Mr. Russell got a common school education and selected farming and store-keeping as his vocation. He worked hard and used good sense in all that he undertook and from the start he made rapid advancement and success. His business grew so fast that he found it wise to enlarge his holdings. He bought more land, erected an undertaker's establishment and started a hotel. His town property is located in Winnsboro, S. C., on Main St. A conservative estimate of the town property is round about ten thousand dollars, not including, of course, his large country farm.

Mrs. Russell was a daughter of Mr. Joseph Thompson, who, at one time, was a member of

the State legislature and a successful farmer in the county. Mrs. Russell was among the first children of the Thompson family and grew to be a wise business woman and was of great service to her husband in getting property and making money. She is a fine cook and a clean housekeeper and everybody knows her. Much of the success which was achieved by her husband belongs to Mrs. Russell, his wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell were connected with the Richardson School and a part of the work. One of the best Presbyterian churches organized by Mr. Richardson is located on or near the farm of Mr. Russell and is doing good work today. Mr. Richardson helped to make lawyers and farmers as well as preachers. Some few years ago Mr. Russell went to his reward above. Mrs. Russell is still living and doing business at the old stand.

"TIS SO."

A Self-Supporting School

By Rev. Wm. Sample.

The Board of National Missions in carrying out its no-debt policy withdrew support from the Miller Memorial Presbyterian School. As soon as the Board's action was made known to our teachers every one volunteered to work in this school without a commission. So on the 15th of September the Miller Memorial Presbyterian School began its term as a self-supporting school.

The school is larger than it has been for several years, and the teachers are working as though they were the best paid teachers in Alabama. Since our school has been self-supporting it has made a number of friends, and the change has caused us all to have more faith in God. Birmingham, Ala.

JOHN HALL NOTES, CARTHAGE.

Mrs. Pearl M. Blue

Sunday morning Rev. Boykin preached a splendid sermon from Nehemiah 6th chapter and 4th verse. The services were very impressive and everybody enjoyed them. After the sermon the two children of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Blue were baptized.

The Sunday school made its quarterly report. In attendance and finance the school is doing well. The amount raised during the quarter was \$20.56.

The Ladies' Missionary Society met at the home of Mrs. H. D. Wood, Thursday evening, October 6. Plans were discussed for the betterment of the Society and for raising money. After the business the hostess served chicken salad, crackers, cocoa, cream and cake. The next meeting will be at the home of Mrs. P. N. Boykin.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Blue, of Charlotte, are visiting relatives and friends in town.

Dr. L. B. West and Rev. O. E. Sanders spent a few hours in town on their way to the Synod. Dr. West preached for Rev. Boykin Tuesday night.

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The clouds hang heavy round my way,

I cannot see;
But through the darkness I believe

God leadeth me.
'Tis sweet to keep my hands in His

When all is dim;
To close my weary, aching eyes,
And follow Him.

THE AFRO-AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN COUNCIL

The Afro-American Presbyterian Council held its Thirty-third Annual Session in Grace church, Baltimore, Md., October 6-9th inclusive. The people of Grace church, under the leadership of Rev. John T. Colbert, D. D., were well organized for the occasion and gave to the body most splendid entertainment. Baltimore is a beautiful city and is noted for its generosity and hospitality. It has beautiful church edifices, an efficient and well regulated school system, neat and cozy homes and clean streets and alley ways, all of which speak volumes for its Negro constituency. Truly in the words of Dr. L. B. Ellerson, "Baltimore is a heavenly place."

The sessions of the Council were constructive and harmonious. This was considered the largest meeting of ministers and lay delegates in the memory of some of the oldest members of the organization. Council opened at 3:30 P. M. with a devotional service led by the Rev. E. A. Mitchell, Hilburn, N. Y. After that the retiring President, the Rev. McClain C. Spann, West Chester, Pa., called the Council to order. The organization of the body resulted in the Rev. Milton Thompson, Detroit, Mich., being chosen Pres.; Mr. Leon J. Dubois, Rochester, N. Y., Vice-President; the Rev. J. E. Blackmore, Atlantic City, N. J., Recording Secretary; the Rev. Chas. S. Freeman, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa., Treasurer; the Rev. Thos. J. B. Harris, D. D., New York City, Executive Secretary; and the Revs. Wm. Lloyd Imes, N. Y. City, and Augustus Bennett, Princeton, N. J., members of the Executive Committee.

The reports of the various committees were inspiring and helpful for the many new suggestions brought, and we feel sure that the delegates went back to their fields with new ideas of how to tackle their jobs.

The Report on Religious Education was made by its chairman, Rev. Wm. Lloyd Imes, and Mrs. Carrie B. Coberth, and a paper by Mrs. Fannie P. Sanders. The report on Christian Stewardship was made by Rev. B. M. Ward, D. D., chairman, Elder Leon J. Dubois, and Rev. M. C. Spann. The report on Social Service, Rev. C. B. Allen, D. D., Chairman, Mrs. Florence Mabry, Elder J. R. Jacobs. The report on Evangelism, Rev. B. F. Glasco, Chairman. The report on Woman's Work, Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman, Chairman. During this report the delegates from the churches made their reports of the women and other activities in their churches.

There was a report on Church Extension by Rev. A. E. Bennett, Chairman. The report on Young People's Work, by Mrs. Geo. J. Evans, Chairman. The Report of Men's Work, Rev. J. V. McIver, Chairman, Rev. Wm. R. Rutledge, and Mr. Leon P. Newsome. The report on Forward Movements, Rev. J. T. Colbert, D. D., Chairman. Report of Representative of the Division of Missions for Colored People, the Rev. John W. Lee, D. D. Report on Necrology by Rev. Thos. J. B. Harris, D. D.

Special features of the Council were the Women's program on Sunday afternoon at which time addresses were made by Mrs. Elizabeth Freeman, Mrs. Alice Byrd, Mrs. A. E. Bennett, Mrs. Geo. J. Evans, and Mrs. W. Mae Harris and readings by Mrs. Fort and Mrs. Lula P. Butler, and the annual banquet to the delegates, Rev. L. B. Moore, Ph. D., Toastmaster, and the excursion to Washington, D. C., by bus.

The closing sermon of the Council was preached by the Rev. Geo. S. Stark, A. M., Brooklyn, N. Y., who also is a son of Grace church. After twenty-five years in the ministry it was very edifying to Grace to receive spiritual advice from the lips of her own child.

Council adjourned to meet with St. James church, New York City, October, 1928.

THOS. J. B. HARRIS,
Executive Secretary.

SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE LIFE.

Glover Rhodes and Harry Coleman, students of Swift, made their reports to the Y. M. C. A. meeting Sunday afternoon. The boys gave many encouraging remarks concerning the work of the meeting. One thing which seems to be creeping into the life of the Y. M. C. A. activities, is the old racial prejudice issue. The boys from Swift would like to know if Jesus taught such.

Rev. C. E. Tucker, D. D., our President, is one of the frequent visitors to the athletic field. He seems to be more pleased with the prospects of this year's opportunity of winning than last year.

Rev. W. C. Hargrave, D. D., Professor of English, leaves on the 19th of this month to attend the Synod of East Tennessee, which convenes at Anniston, Alabama. The week following he will attend the Synod of Atlantic, at Newnan, Ga., October 26th. He will represent the Board of Foreign Missions.

Rev. H. F. Anderson, pastor of St. Mark's church, will attend the Synod at Anniston, Ala. He plans to be back for the following Monday classes.

Last week several of the parents of the pupils visited them. It is the policy of the school to let the latch string hang on the outside to all who wish to come.

EXAMINE ALL EXPOSED PERSONS.

Sanatorium, October 15.—"People who have been exposed to tuberculosis are the ones most likely to develop the disease," says Dr. P. P. McCain, Superintendent of the North Carolina Sanatorium. "If we could secure the routine examination of every member of every family in which there is a case of tuberculosis we would discover many cases in the early and curable stage that frequently become far advanced and incurable before we find them now."

The literature sent out by the Extension Department of The North Carolina Sanatorium to all reported cases of tuberculosis in North Carolina requesting it, urges the examination of every member of the family who has been exposed to the sick person. Tuberculosis is not inherited, but it is infectious, and it is frequently "caught" from careless, spitting consumptives who carry the germs in their sputum. Many times, too, a person is ignorant of any disease, and unknowingly infects members of his family and others. The person with tuberculosis who is careful, covering the mouth always when coughing and disposing of the sputum by placing it in a sanitary container and later burning it, is not to be feared. You will not catch tuberculosis by merely being in the presence of a person with tuberculosis. It is from the little droplets that escape from their lips in the uncovered cough, or from the sputum coughed up that you will become infected. But no matter how careful or careless the consumptive you have been exposed to has been Dr. McCain urges the routine examination of every person in the family of the tuberculous as a preventive measure. Tuberculosis discovered early is curable.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. G. A. Bridges

Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Miller used as the basis of his Communion address Ephesians 2: 14, theme, "The Great Reconciler and the Price He Paid." Many striking illustrations were used to drive home the truths.

Quite a number was present at the Communion services held morning and night. Dr. G. E. Davis, of Charlotte, worshipped with us at the morning service.

Communion was also celebrated at the Hannah church at 9 P. M., a goodly number being present. The Hannah members plan to remodel their church at an early date, adding a Sunday school and reception department.

The Earnest Workers are still holding the cup. The banner for finance went to Up and Doing, and the attendance banner to J. R. Nocho class of the Young People's Department.

The many friends were glad to greet Mrs. T. B. Jones and little daughter, Clarice. Mrs. Jones came to join her husband, Prof. T. B. Jones, who is Registrar at A. & T. College, and will make her home here for the winter.

Following is an expression of St. James Presbyterian church during celebration of the third anniversary of the pastor, Rev. H. C. Miller:

"The work of a minister is, to our mind, the most valuable and of the greatest importance to the community of any man. He does not come in as a man of ordinary standing. He serves all classes of people. He is the father and spiritual guide of the family, adviser and guide to the men of our city, and example and counsellor of our boys and girls, and the angel of the church; in fact, the father and leader of the men of all professions. The doctor, the lawyer, the governor and the President all look to the minister of God for leadership.

"Our pastor is also a member of this class of men mentioned here. During his stay of three years we all have been exceedingly blessed and have clearer views of the church and the Godly life.

"Our families seem happier, they work more for the upbuilding of the church and seem to have a greater interest in soul-saving. He has caused a goodly number to join the church, besides making many friends for the church, thus causing the church to grow stronger.

"He preaches a sound gospel, such as leads men to Christ and God. We pray that his stay with us may never, never tire. "Therefore the Session of St. James church extends to our beloved pastor a vote of confidence and appreciation for his untiring labor with us in bringing the church to its present success."

NOTICE.

To the Superintendents of the Central District Sunday School Convention of Yadkin Presbytery:

Dear Co-Workers: I have been thinking much of you and the Sunday school work, wondering if the delegates from your school reported to you the many things that were said and done at the last meeting of our convention which convened August 4th with Grace Presbyterian church, Winston-Salem, N. C.; if so, I am sure you are already at work. Did they tell you that we are expecting every school to teach the Catechism and prepare some girl or boy to answer every question; and, too, we are planning to have a contest and hope to have a pupil from each school in the contest. Let us begin now and do not wait until July to prepare. Having been

elected President of your convention I want you to know that I am interested in you and want to see the convention go forward and you can help me do so by working up your school and seeing that the pupils are really learning something about Jesus Christ.

We had a splendid meeting at Grace church, yet it was not what it might have been had the 13 Superintendents and all the ministers of the District been present. Let us manifest more interest this year than ever before. Last year at Cherry St. church we were able to report eight ministers present. We also raised from all sources \$1621.37. The Corresponding Secretary failed to report this year what was raised, still we hope we raised more than we did last year. Please bear in mind that our convention is just what we make it. Let us go to Graham next year if God is willing and report as never before. Let us make Yadkin Presbytery feel proud of our District.

We were royally entertained at Winston. Superintendent Lanier, together with his good people, looked forward to our coming as Graham is doing now, so let us make Graham proud of us by having a good convention.

Yours in the work,
MRS. J. H. CLEMENT,
President.

LEBANON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, RIDGEWAY, S. C.

Sunday morning, October 16, our services were well attended despite the sudden drop in temperature that made us realize that winter is close at hand. The pastor, Rev. J. R. Dungee, preached from Galatians 3: 9, "And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not." By this message the congregation was encouraged to continue with renewed zeal the program of progress in which it has been vigorously engaged since early Spring.

In the afternoon a large portion of our number accompanied the pastor to Columbia where he preached a special sermon to the congregation of Ladson Presbyterian church of which Rev. D. T. Murray is pastor. We all enjoyed the visit very much and will be glad when the time comes for us to make another trip to Columbia.

At the regular night service a most inspiring message was delivered by the pastor from the text, "And the Lord said unto him, What is that in thine hand? and he said, A rod." Ex. 4: 2. This sermon was a portrayal of the marvelous powers contained in our humblest possessions when those possessions are consecrated, as was Moses' rod, to the service of the Lord. The reaction to this sermon was a spontaneous pledging by several officers and members of their means to the help of the needy.

Mrs. Louis Benson is confined to her home on account of illness.

Mrs. Clara Marshall and Mr. Charlie Martin continue on the sick list.

Mrs. Mary James, who suffered a stroke of paralysis in August, is making splendid progress, and has gone to Columbia to live with her son.

Mrs. Maria Feaster, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Ella James, has returned to her home in Darlington, S. C.

Miss Lottie Jefferson, of Darlington, is enrolled in the Lebanon Parochial School.

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE.

Dr. Charles H. Mayo, President of the American Medical Association, says: "Medicine has reached a period when alcohol is rarely employed as a drug, being replaced by other remedies. Alcohol's only place now is in the arts and sciences."