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SKETCHES OF SOME FORMER RICHARDSON SCHOOL STUDENTS

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Article IV.

BISHOP CHAPPELL AND MRS. MAGGIE CHAPPELL, McLEOD.

W. D. Chappell was a student of the Fairfield Institute and a member of the Presbyterian church. The Chappells were all noted for studious habits and good minds and worked hard to get along in the world. Chappell was a young fellow with nerve and grit and did not take anything for granted. He always liked to have his way and did not mind fighting for what he believed, if he thought he could win in that way. After a few years he found it easier to take quarters in the A. M. Church and he did so. He became a student of Allen University and was among the best of the school had. After completing the course prescribed he soon became presiding elder and finally became President of Allen University and held the position for a number of years. Very soon after he vacated the head position in Allen he was made Bishop. He was a fighting Bishop. The ministers in his territory feared him and he got more out of them than any other Bishop. He was without mercy when stirred and everybody knew to keep silent or get out. He made money and bought property and lived in fine style. He was a good looking man.

One day Chappell died, before he was an old man. Consumption overtook him, which never left him until his body went back to dust from whence it came. Six feet of earth make us all one size.

The Bishop's sister, Maggie Chappell, was a bright student and Christian. She loved books and Jesus and wanted to go as a missionary beyond the ocean. She often thrilled our school by telling her love for lowly folks.

In one of the darkest places in Fairfield County Maggie taught school and worked day and night to bring the light of education and the Saviour of men to her scholars and their parents. Not having accomplished her plans to become a missionary she finished her education and soon after that she married a fine Methodist preacher and is doing good work in this State. Rev. McLeod, her husband, is an honorable man and makes Maggie a splendid husband in every way.

REV. H. L. McCROREY, D. D., LL. D.

Long way from the Negro rural home to the present of a great institution of learning. And yet history is ever repeating itself in the lives of men and of nations. Such recurrences are unmistakable proofs of the fact that the things that come to men are not accidents but are ordained of God.

The story of the life of Henry Lawrence McCrorey runs parallel in many respects with that of many other men who, climbing from out the valley, have reached the mountain top. And yet such stories are worth retelling for the inspiration they give to oncoming youth.

Born on a farm in Fairfield County, South Carolina, young McCrorey attended the county schools, and in course of time went to the Willard Richardson School. He was an eager, diligent student, and from the beginning applied himself to books in a way that laid a broad and deep foundation for the fine superstructure of scholarship that he has since built. And while acquiring learning he has developed a self-mastery and an administrative ability that has surprised his friends and

won the admiration of men everywhere.

It would take more space than has been allotted to this sketch to tell of my subject's growth and development and achievements during the years that lie between his student days at the Richardson School and the present time. But for the benefit of those who may be interested in "Who's Who" among Negro educators the events of those years may be epitomized as follows:

Graduated from the Willard Richardson School, Winstboro, S. C., 1883; taught in the rural schools of South Carolina two years; entered Biddle University, now Johnson C. Smith University, 1886; graduated from the high school department, 1888; the college department, 1892; the theological department, 1895; taught in Biddle University from 1895 to 1907; has served as President of said institution from 1907 to the present time; appointed by Governor W. W. Kitchen, of North Carolina, in 1912, as delegate to the Education Congress at St. Paul, Minn.; appointed by Governor Locke Craig, of North Carolina, in 1915, as delegate to the Southern Sociological Congress in Houston, Texas; twice commissioned to the Presbyterian General Assembly, and three times by the Assembly as delegate to the Quadrennial meeting of the Alliance of Reformed Churches Throughout the World Holding the Presbyterian System; Executive of the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools; Editor of the Africo-American Presbyterian; he touched the hearts of philanthropists from whom Johnson C. Smith University has derived 15 acres of land valued at \$30,000, \$250,000.00 for buildings, and more than \$1,000,000.00 endowment; developed the institution to "A" rating.

JOHN HALL CHURCH NOTES

The Passing of Mr. W. A. Blue.

On Wednesday, October 19, 1927, a little past noon, God sent His death angel and took from us our brother and friend, Mr. W. A. Blue. Brother Will had been in failing health for some time but this morning he was in the best of spirits and said he felt well.

He was born in Carthage 61 years ago and was the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Blue. He was taught from early childhood to be industrious and the upbringing of his family speaks for his industry.

He was an elder in the Presbyterian church for 35 years or more and a leader in all the activities of the church and community. His going from us is a shock, but we can only acknowledge that the affliction is God's will, and we know that over in the beautiful land where he has gone, he is free from the pains that he so long endured here. Ripened in years and fully prepared for another state of existence he has passed on to enjoy the reward of a life well spent on earth. He was a devoted father and leaves seven children, eight grand-children and a host of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

The death of Mr. Blue teaches us that sooner or later we must all make that journey across that mystic river and that we all have the ordeal to pass; and

"To enable our feet in the next day's march,
To climb up that golden ridge
We must all lie down for one night's rest,
Inside of the covered bridge."

NORTH CAROLINA NEGRO TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION.

Next Session Meets at Goldsboro, November 23-25, 1927.

A list of noted speakers is announced by officials of the North Carolina Teachers' Association for the forty-seventh annual meeting, to be held in Goldsboro, November 23-25. Some of the speakers from other States are: Dr. James H. Dillard, Charlottesville, Va., President of the John F. Slater Fund; Mr. Jackson Davis, Richmond, Va., Field Agent of the General Education Board; President Mordecai W. Johnson of Howard University; and Dr. John J. Tigert, United States Commissioner of Education.

Among the speakers from North Carolina are: Dr. W. H. Odum of the University of North Carolina; President W. P. Few and Dean Edmund D. Soper of Duke University; President W. J. Trent, of Livingstone College; President David D. Jones of Bennett College; Mr. N. C. Newbold, Director of Division of Negro Education, and Mr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction. The Association will be welcomed to Goldsboro by the Mayor, and by representatives from both the white and the colored citizens.

The membership of the Association is 2,500. This will be in probability increased to 3,000 before the end of the year. Two thousand teachers are expected to be in attendance upon the Goldsboro meeting, thus making it perhaps the largest gathering of colored teachers in the United States.

Goldsboro is making active preparation to demonstrate to these teachers the genuine hospitality of Eastern North Carolina. The religious and fraternal organizations are cooperating handsomely with the educational groups. The civic organizations among the white citizens are also lending encouragement and support, states Professor H. V. Brown, chairman of the local committee of arrangements.

Hearty endorsement of the work and aims of the Association has come recently from leading State officials. Mr. N. C. Newbold, State Director of Negro Education, writes to President S. G. Atkins: "Within recent years the North Carolina Negro Teachers Association has made remarkable gains. It is developing a creditable professional spirit among the teachers of the State. If it shall include in its membership a large percentage of the Negro teachers of the State, it will be able to make an effective appeal to the State and local school authorities for equity and justice in their support of the public schools and higher educational institutions for Negro youth. I am expressing the earnest hope that every progressive, right-thinking Negro teacher in North Carolina will join the Association and attenders as they are held from year to year."

Mr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, in an open letter to the colored teachers of the State, says: "The Association of Negro teachers in North Carolina, by means of its organization and of its annual meetings, is doing a most valuable piece of work in furtherance of the program for the broadening of the educational facilities for Negro children. This Association, now as in the past, in my judgment, is worthy of your loyal and complete support. I hope, therefore, that every Negro teacher in the State will affiliate with this organization."

"A teacher failing or refusing to become a member of this Association indicates by such an act a lack of loyalty to his race and to the efforts of racial advancement. There is still much work to be done in the field of

Negro education before the machinery is sufficient to offer an adequate educational opportunity to the Negro youth of the State. Teachers are in a position to build up sentiment for better schools, and to bring about a desire on the part of the colored people of the State to avail themselves of all the educational opportunities that are now offered.

"May I take this opportunity to express the hope that your Association this year will have its most successful year up to the present time, and that among its members it may count one hundred per cent of all the teachers in the Negro public schools of the State."

That there is a vigorous movement in the direction of the splendid goal indicated by Superintendent Allen is shown by the fact that every teacher in attendance upon the summer session of the Winston-Salem Teachers' College joined the Association voluntarily, either paying the membership fees at that time, or indicating a definite date at which they would be paid.

The railroads have granted reduced rates to the meeting. Those expected to attend should write Mrs. M. L. Gordon, 108 W. Spruce Street, Goldsboro, indicating the length of time for which they desire entertainment and stating whether they will come by rail, bus line, or in their own automobiles. With this cooperation from visitors, Goldsboro is planning to give handsome entertainment to the host of intellectuals that will descend upon it during Thanksgiving week.

EVANGELISTIC SERVICES

By Rev. L. B. West, D. D.

I had the opportunity of assisting several of my fellow-laborers in the gospel during the summer months, in conducting their evangelistic services. We had inspiring meetings at each church. Those who had grown cold and careless renewed their vows, sinners were saved, and there was a general awakening among Christians.

Pleasant Ridge

I went first to Pleasant Ridge, church, Lancaster, S. C. The Rev. A. U. Frierson, D. D., is the pastor. The services began on Wednesday night and went through the next Wednesday night. We had three services on Sunday. The congregations were not large, but they were alive. The singing was good, and men and women prayed fervently for a revival of religion in their midst. Several young people asked the church to pray for them that they would come into a richer experience of the Christ life. One young boy gave his life to Christ and joined the church.

I have never preached to a more appreciative people. Dr. Frierson and his people have plans on foot for the building of a new church.

Bethel.

On my way home the Rev. C. P. Pitchford, pastor of Bethel church, near Waxhaw, arranged to have me stop over and preach a night for him. It rained all day, but a goodly number turned out at night, and we had a glorious service. It was my first visit to Bethel and I enjoyed it immensely. The meeting went on for a few nights and 8 were added to the church. Rev. Pitchford is not only preaching to the people, but he is striving to bring them up educationally. Through his efforts many are going off to school.

I went next to Murkland church, 9 miles from Charlotte, began there on a Friday night on the Providence Road. We going through the next Wednes-

day night. Rev. J. H. Gamble is the pastor of this church. Murkland always keeps the fire burning. The spiritual fervor was high. God's presence and power were felt. Sinners rejoiced, sinners wept, and surrendered their lives to Jesus. Eight souls were saved, and one man who had stayed out of the church for years, came forward in tears, and joined the church. Under the leadership of Rev. Gamble Murkland is doing great things. John Hall.

I then journeyed to Carthage for a week's services at John Hall church, the Rev. P. N. Boykins, pastor. We had an evangelistic feast. Each afternoon at 4 o'clock prayer meeting was conducted. At night the music, under the leadership of Elder W. A. Blue, who has since gone to heaven, was inspiring and uplifting. The crowds were large. A spirit of eagerness and willingness to hear God's word preached pervaded the meetings, and made them extraordinarily interesting. The results were glorious. The whole church was revived. Two young men were happily converted and three young men were reclaimed. The people of John Hall are in the midst of a great campaign raising funds to erect a new brick church. Rev. Boykin is the inspiring leader.

While there we went to the Shady Grove church and preached to a large crowd and administered the Lord's Supper and baptized a few children.

Woodland.

Woodland is 9 miles from Charlotte on the Mt. Holly Road. The Rev. R. Z. Beatty is the pastor. This is one of our most enthusiastic rural churches. This meeting extended a week. I preached on the opening night and again on Sunday. The crowds were large. The singing was excellent. The revival spirit was dominant. Several persons came forward desiring to live better lives and asking the prayers of the church. The growth of the church has been so rapid that there has been a loud call for more room and so the members are working hard to make additions to the present building. Rev. Beatty has met with phenomenal success at this church.

Lawrence Chapel

I preached for three nights at Lawrence Chapel, Pineville. The Rev. J. H. Ward is the pastor. The attendance was small, but the people were much interested. On the second night three men came forward and made a profession of their faith in Christ. Lawrence chapel has made wonderful strides under the progressive leadership of Rev. J. H. Ward and the end is not yet.

Bowers' Chapel

I crawled out of my bed at 3 o'clock in the morning to catch a 4 o'clock train going to Laurinburg. I was booked to preach at Bowers chapel. The Rev. J. B. Francis is the shepherd of this flock. We had a great week. The singing was lively. Prayers were offered with much spiritual force. The people enjoyed having the word of God preached. The response was heartening. Four young people gave themselves to Jesus. Rev. Francis and his people are endeavoring to make their church measure up along all lines. Rev. Francis is a tireless worker.

At all of these places I enjoyed the fellowship of my brethren and the kindness and hospitality of their people. May God richly bless them in their labors.

BRAINERD INSTITUTE, CHESTER, S. C.

It is the custom of the Y. W. C. A. workers of Brainerd Institute to send each year two delegates to the Synodical Convention and School of Methods. This convened August 13, 1927, at Haines Institute, Augusta, Ga. The delegates elected last term to this Convention were

BARBER COLLEGE NOTES

By Joetta Stinson

There has been a steady increase of clubs in Barber lately and now the number of eleven has been attained. The clubs have their meetings weekly. They consist of the following: The Science Club, whose members will study the history of sciences and will try to do some original experimentation; the Poetry Club, which will advance appreciation of well known poetry; the Latin Club which will not only probe into Latin mysteries but seek to develop an interest in Roman life long ago and today; the Music Club will help those who wish to know and write musical compositions; the Hieronimus Club, an interesting aid to the social worker, builds ideas for developing the ideal community; the Kodak Club has for its motto "Successful Photography." Barber College plans to create taste and talent for literary writing and so the Journalistic Club has been organized. This club hopes to give to the outside world news of the school by editing a school magazine beginning the latter part of October. This club is also whispering about a School Annual. For the thrifty girl who sews the Barber Handicraft Club has been organized. This Club will specialize in the making of gifts and useful presents. Girls are good carpenters, too, and so the Saw and Hammer Club promises opportunity for development along this line. Perhaps the most interesting club of all is the Dramatic Club, an organization giving opportunity for the best possible growth in the art of self-expression. This club sponsored the pageant, "The Call and the Answer." The Athletic Club became so popular and grew so rapidly that it had to be rechristened. Now it bears the title, "Athletic Association," because of its immensity. Swimming, boating, hiking, basket ball, volley ball, tennis and track work will be some of the activities of this club.

These are the active clubs of the school. In addition to these organizations the three Christian Endeavor Societies and Prayer meeting groups conduct weekly service programs. The Y. W. C. A. for Senior High and College students, and the Girl Reserves for the "Preps" are also actively engaged in Christian and social study work.

The Sunday preceding the meeting of the Synod the Calvary Presbyterian church held its morning worship in the Barber Chapel. Barber girls were glad to have this little change from the regular order and to meet the church people in our own house.

The campus suffered a little renovating as classes were dismissed last Saturday afternoon in order to remove all surplus or unlovely obstacles. Several of the students put an extra coat of kalsomine on the room walls as an expression of a desire to brighten up.

Synod was a week full of Santa Claus surprises. It is hoped that the surprises will not all be given before Christmas, but how they count up on Thanksgiving Day! There have been: the County Fair, with its usual degree of festivity, amusements and exhibits. The Senior High class and college students were invited to visit the Fair and join in the fun. Then there has been the "Big Parade," a story wonderful in its portrayal of War, which the Dean, Miss Foresman, permitted the whole student body to see.

The Memorial Service for Mrs. Margaret Barber was held Thursday night of the Synod week. The Synod accepted the

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