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"There is nothing in the world so important as children, nothing so interesting. If ever you wish to be of real service in the world, do something for children. If ever you yearn to be wise, study children. If ever we work out our race salvation, it will be because a little child has led."

It is a hopeful sign when a church is willing to devote an entire week to the interests of its children. This is what Calvary church has done. Of course, children have always occupied a prominent place in the activities of this church. In Calvary age approves of youth, and there is a happy blending of the two. It is beautiful to see strong men and maidens tender and meek lifting high their voices in God's wondrous praises. During the first week in November, however, special emphasis was placed on the children. Under the leadership of Miss Theodora Percival, special worker among children and young people in Cape Fear Presbytery, the following projects were entered into:

Monday: Story Hour for Primary children; 20 children present.

Tuesday: Story Hour for Junior children; 45 juniors present.

Wednesday twenty-six cradle roll children were visited.

Thursday: Organization of Mothers Club, and Cradle Roll party; 20 mothers were present; including helpers there were 35 present.

Friday: Visiting Day: The Sunday school teachers visited nearly a hundred homes.

Sunday at eleven o'clock a special sermon was preached from the topic, "Meeting Youth Halfway." The music for this service was furnished by the children and young people. A feature of it was the Processional. The children marched from one of the rooms of the church to their seats, singing as they marched, "The Whole, Wide World for Jesus." It was wonderful to see nearly seventy-five children lifting their voices in song.

Another feature of the week was the Poster Contest. All of the organizations of the church entered the contest. More than twenty-five posters were made. The first prize was won by the Light Bearers; the second prize was won jointly by the Tuxis Girls and Pioneer Boys; and third by the Cradle Roll. The judges were exultant in praise of the posters.

Miss Percival deserves much commendation and praise for the untiring efforts put forth to make the project a success. Those who saw the activities are convinced that she has a workable program for all of our schools. All of the teachers and officers worked beautifully to the end that the program might succeed. They, too, deserve our praise. Busy men and women stopped their tasks to visit their scholars. Each was benefitted by the contact.

The Young People's Forum is conducted twice a month under the auspices of two young people's clubs in the church. It is an effort to provide a place where youth and age may meet and discuss the problems so vital and necessary to our daily life. The meetings thus far have proved a decided success. The opening address was by Dean Wm. H. Holloway, of Brick Junior College. Principal Howard, of the local High School, was the next speaker.

Second Calvary, of Bailey, N. C., an outer post of Calvary

church, Wilson, is progressing nicely. Recently nine infants were baptized there, and ten young people made a confession. It is the aim to conduct service there once a month or as often as possible.

"THE SCRIBE."

EIGHTH ANNUAL STATE MEETING IN KENTUCKY.

Interracial Forces Review Progress and Set Future Goals—Leadership of Both Races Present.

Louisville, Ky., November 14.—The Kentucky Interracial Commission scored another highly successful meeting in its eighth annual interracial conference, held here a few days ago. The progress of the past year was reviewed by Dr. James Bond, colored, director of the movement in the State, and the program of future activities and objectives recommended by Dr. Bond was adopted unanimously and with enthusiasm.

The theme of the conference was "Continued Progress in Race Relations in Kentucky," and the major subjects discussed were equality of opportunity, education, health, playgrounds, and other recreational facilities, law and order and woman's work. Among the principal speakers were Dr. J. E. Wood, President National Baptist Convention; Dr. McHenry Rhodes and L. N. Taylor, of the State Department of Education; Dr. George Colvin, President University of Louisville; Dr. E. E. Underwood, of the State Board of Health; Professors J. Bryant Cooper, E. S. Taylor, and P. Moore; Dr. Isaac Fisher; Dr. G. P. Russell, President State Industrial College; Rev. G. G. Walker; R. M. Wheat, Executive Colored Division of Boy Scouts; Dean R. L. McCready; Mrs. Maud Henderson, Commission on Interracial Cooperation; Mrs. W. J. Piggott and Mrs. A. V. Weston.

A great interracial mass meeting was held at Trinity Methodist church, featuring a jubilee song service by a number of choirs and the quartets of Lincoln and Simmons Universities. Dr. Isaac Fisher, recently returned from Europe, held the audience spellbound with a great address of an hour's length.

Summing up their conclusions at the closing session, the conference adopted the following objectives for the ensuing year: continued vigilance in the prevention of lynchings, improvement of the colored state teachers' colleges and their more generous support of the legislature, securing justice in the courts, including the right of jury service; facilities for travel on bus lines, and an intensive year-round health program.

The feeling was general that the past year had been marked by distinct progress and that the future prospects were highly encouraging.

INTERRACIAL INTEREST GROWS IN ALABAMA.

Conferences of Leaders Held in Principal Cities—Many Important Objectives Sought.

Birmingham, Ala., November 14.—J. D. Burton, field secretary for the Alabama Commission on Interracial Cooperation, has just held the best series of interracial conferences ever held in the State. The attendance was larger, the leadership of both races more in evidence, the interest greater, and more def-

nite tasks were undertaken than ever before.

At Tuscaloosa forty-five persons were present, twenty-five white and twenty colored. After frank and full discussion the group set as its immediate objectives the promotion of boy scout work for colored boys and cooperation with the effort to secure a state-supported institution for delinquent colored children. An adjourned meeting was called for the last Monday in November, at which additional objectives will be set.

At the conference in old conservative Montgomery, former capital of the Confederate Government, thirty persons were present, about equally divided between the races. The mayor had expected to attend, but was detained and sent a representative to speak for him. The committee decided to hold quarterly meetings. The committee brought out and published the fact that the present provisions for colored tuberculosis patients are v. jolly inadequate, and asked that additional beds and nurses be provided. The crowded condition of the Negro schools was brought to the attention of the city-board of education, with the request that these conditions be relieved as soon as possible. The city commissioners were asked to provide playgrounds for colored children.

A fine meeting was held at Mobile, with twenty-five present and a program was adopted calling for a new library, additional recreational privileges and facilities, and the provision of day nurseries for the children of working mothers. The Mobile committee has been among the most active in the State for several years, but it was felt that this was the best meeting since its organization.

The Birmingham meeting was attended by thirty interracial leaders, and adopted a program asking for better street car facilities, better accommodations at the L. & N. Railroad Station, and sanitation and improved conditions in tenant homes. A special committee of three was appointed to forward the objectives adopted. The general committee will hold regular quarterly meetings, and will meet also on call.

The daily papers gave generous and appreciative publicity to all the meetings, and the work of the committees received hearty editorial commendation.

CHATTANOOGA (TENN.) NEWS

By Miss Mary F. Wilson

The Leonard Street Presbyterian church has been the center of much activity during the past few weeks.

Our church was headquarters for the Student Y. M. C. A. Conference held some time ago; we entertained the Missionary quartet several days ago on its way to the Northwest, and between these activities, something has been going on at the church almost constantly.

Joys and sorrows have come to us since our last notes appeared. Her many friends scattered throughout the field will be happily surprised to learn of the marriage of Mrs. Fannie C. Coppage to Mr. A. C. Barbee, of our city; while sorrow came to us in the sudden and totally unexpected death of Mrs. Elzviria McDermott, a faithful member of our church, and formerly of Knoxville and New Market.

As a result of the loving loyalty of the ladies of our church, the manse and all the outside wood work of the church have been given beautiful, bright,

new colors, and now both church and manse are wonderfully attractive. The funds necessary for this work were raised entirely by the three missionary circles of our church and in less than two weeks. In this time the Westminster Circle raised \$58.00; the Central Circle, \$52.50, and the East Side Circle \$52.00.

On Sunday, November 6, the pastor, the Rev. J. E. Barber, in commemoration of our beautiful church and manse, preached on the subject, "The Paint Brush." Many beautiful thoughts were brought to the congregation. The one great thought, emphasized was that as all of the hairs of the brush work together to blot out the ugly, rough spots, and to add beauty, so the lives of Christians working together in peace and harmony bring out the beauty of life and the nobility of character.

The week of November 7th was the beginning of a busy and happy week, the occasion being the celebration of our pastor's first anniversary. Three big nights were held under the auspices of the Missionary Circles.

Wednesday, November 9, was the opening night, and the Westminster Circle had charge. A wonderful program was rendered by some of the best talent in the city. The Rev. Dr. S. L. Howard, of the Warren Chapel A. M. E. church, spoke for the Ministers' Alliance, telling of the high esteem in which our pastor is held throughout the city. Deacon J. Howard spoke in behalf of the church and gave Rev. Barber a glorious tribute from the church. The Circle presented Rev. Barber a beautiful token of love and esteem with the prayer for greater achievement and strength another year.

On Thursday night the East Side Circle gave the pastor a wonderful night of happiness and new hopes for a brighter and happier year. Many prominent business men were present, and all paid high compliments to Rev. and Mrs. Barber for their services. He was presented with a beautiful cake, covered with roses. The pastor and Mrs. Barber responded, and he made an inspiring talk. An ice course was served.

The Climax was reached Friday night by the Central Circle. The Rev. Dr. E. H. Johnson, of the First Congregational church, was the chief speaker and gave an inspiring address. Mr. J. F. Trimble, a prominent business man of the city, and the elders and deacons of the church spoke of the progress and the great influence of the church under the leadership of our pastor. A wonderful program was enjoyed. The Circle presented Mrs. Barber with a beautiful bouquet of choice flowers, and the pastor with a more substantial remembrance. Delightful refreshments were served.

Anniversary Sunday was a glorious day. The pastor preached a thrilling sermon at the morning service on the subject, "The Challenge of the Future." The entire service was wonderfully impressive, and a large congregation was present. A fellowship service was held in the evening, and a representative from each organization of the church told of the aims of the organization for another year. Addresses were made by a number of visitors, including Drs. Thompson and Patton, and Prof. W. H. Singleton. The full Women's Chorus sang sweetly at both services. Col. L. P. Berry presided. The church was beautifully adorned with flowers and the beauty of the day

and of the services made a deep appeal. Rev. Barber seemed filled to the overflowing as he spoke of the gratitude and affection for his loyal flock, and for his countless friends throughout the city, and he pledged himself to greater devotion and fidelity to his great task.

Our Anniversary News-Bulletin, in speaking of the day, closes with these words: "We turn our footsteps into the pathway again, and to the future with Faith." Pastor and people are united in making this the sentiment of our deepest hearts.

SWIFT MEMORIAL COLLEGE LIFE

The President, Dr. C. E. Tucker, preached for the pastor of St. Mark's church Sunday morning. The house was well filled and the President was at his best. He poured forth one of his most forceful and spiritual sermons.

Rev. H. F. Anderson, the Bible professor, was called to Bristol, Va., over the week-end.

Prof. Robert E. Lee's Bull Dogs downed the mighty Wolverines, of Johnson City, last Thursday. The score was 12-0 in our favor. Rev. Byers and family, Prof. Clayburn and many students were on the sideline to witness the game. It was one of the hardest fought games of the season. Several of the boys received injuries. Harry Coleman, of our group, is on the road to recovery. Fleming Smith, the quarterback of Langston High, was badly hurt and one of the other fellows of the same team. Our baby half-back, Walter Williams, of Chattanooga, was the star of our side. Bake Armstrong, "Cyclone" Ben Allen and Harry Coleman were equally as dangerous. Albert Thompson, Gillenwater, Glover Rhodes McCormick, the flying parson, Jeans and Bishop Harrell played a man's part. Lee Brown, the brown panther of Chattanooga, played the whole game with one hand.

Swift is coming to the front by sponsoring organizations for the development of the youth. We have a model Christian Endeavor with the following persons in training for leadership: Harry Coleman, of Asheville, N. C., is President; Ruby Rooker, Dalton, Ga., Vice-President; Glover Rhodes, of Chattanooga, Tenn., Secretary; Clemmie Cook, of Dalton, Ga., Assistant Secretary; Lillian Hill of Marion, Va., Treasurer; Mary Morris, of Big Stone Gap, Va., Maggie Harris, of Anniston, Alabama, and Booker T. Jackson, of Dalton, Ga., are the program committee. The Endeavor society has the topics, the forward magazine and teachers to help the students to prepare their part on the program. It has shown a great improvement in the attitude and interest of the students.

The model Sabbath school is another of the organizations which is doing much to direct the spiritual welfare of the students. It is the purpose of the Sabbath school to prepare all the students for any position in the churches with which they may be connected in the community where they might live. The Dean superintends; Lillian Esaw, of Anniston, Ala., is Secretary; Lillian Giles (of Washington, D. C., is Treasurer. The teachers are: Miss V. Murphy, of Brazil, Ind.; Miss A. Miles, of Bloomington, Ind.; Miss Hazel Snapp, of Dandridge, Tenn.; and Robert Jeans, of Memphis, Tenn. Great preparations for

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BARBER COLLEGE NOTES

By Joetta Stinson

Saturday evening Mrs. Boutros, a missionary from Egypt, gave a lecture illustrated with stereopticon slides in the Barber chapel. The subject was "The Holy Land." The pictures made many Bible stories seem more real.

Dr. and Mrs. Scherer motored to Decatur, Ala., Tuesday to attend the meeting of the Synod of Alabama (white). Dr. Marquis, of the Board of Ministerial Relief, New York, was the Principal speaker.

Chapel service was conducted Tuesday morning by Rev. Mr. Miles, pastor of the Congregational church, Anniston.

A mass prayer meeting was held in the chapel Wednesday morning instead of the usual separate prayer groups. Miss Foresman conducted the service. The subject was "Preparation for Service."

Misses Burritt, Mammond and Ternent visited Talladega College Thursday evening. They were delighted to hear the Schubert Singers from Boston, who rendered a very fine program.

"Ben Hur" at the Noble Theater was largely attended by the students and faculty, the Junior High School going Tuesday afternoon and the Senior High and College on Wednesday evening. "Ben Hur" was full of wonder and enjoyment for all. The pictures illustrated both historical and Biblical scenes.

Misses Hanold and Smock will go to Talladega today (Saturday) to spend the week-end and attend the dedication of the new science building at Talladega College. Several of the members of the faculty expect to attend the science conference at Talladega Monday.

Armistice Day was celebrated in Barber with a program at eleven o'clock. All classes participated with appropriate songs and special numbers. The High School Senior class gave a play, "The Spirit of '76," which featured appreciation of the soldiers in each of America's wars, and the work of the Red Cross nurse. The Poppy Drill was given by the College Department. It represented the poppies of Flanders before the war, playing and dancing all day. With the coming of the soldiers and white crosses the poppies were crushed. After the war peace and the poppies lived and "blown in Flanders field," but their gayety was gone.

The Y. W. C. A. group and a large number of the Faculty hiked to the woods Monday at 4:30 P. M. Ukeleles and song accompanied the merry-makers along the way. A big fire blazed in Happy Hollow. Quickly the coffee was put on to boil and green ticks hunted up for roasting the weiners over the hot flames. Soon a bountiful supper of weiners, buns, mustard pickle, salad, apples, cookies and coffee were served. Then a huge circle was formed around the fire for the devotional period. "Friendship" was the special theme for the service. As the President read the beautiful story of the friendship of David and Jonathan, found in the Book of Books, it seemed that every girl's heart responded and many expressed themselves as hoping that this circle formed around the fire under the beautiful starry sky would continue to be the "Widening Circle" until all friends in the world should belong. It was a beautiful meeting and at its close the group sang "Follow the Glean" as they journeyed to the building to get ready for study.