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

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PROGRAM OF THE WORKERS' CONFERENCE

DIVISION OF MISSIONS FOR COLORED PEOPLE OF THE BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

To be Held at Haines Normal & Industrial Institute, Augusta, Ga., January 31st to February 3rd, 1928.

Tuesday Afternoon, January 31, 1928.

Rev. J. M. Gaston, D. D., Presiding.

2:30 P. M. Devotional.

2:45 P. M. Greetings:— Mrs. A. B. Snively, Field Representative.

3:15 P. M. Institute on Evangelism:

Conducted by: Rev. I. H. Russell, D. D., Director.

Rev. S. D. Thom, D. D.

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

Rev. H. Wilson.

4:45 P. M. Discussion.

5:00 P. M. Recess.

7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. S. D. Thom, D. D., Evangelist, Synods of Atlantic and Canadian.

Wednesday, February 1, 1928.

9:00 A. M. Devotional.

9:15 A. M. A Standard Church. Rev. J. H. Byers, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.

9:45 A. M. Discussion.

10:00 A. M. The Church and the Young People, Rev. J. B. Barber, Chattanooga, Tenn.

10:30 A. M. Discussion.

10:45 A. M. The Church and the Community, Rev. William Sample, Birmingham, Ala.

11:15 A. M. Discussion.

11:30 A. M. The Duties of Church Officers:

(a) Elders.

(b) Deacons.

(c) Trustees.

Rev. J. W. Smith, Raleigh, N. C.

12:00 M. Discussion.

12:15 P. M. Recess.

2:00 P. M. Devotional.

2:15 P. M. Organizing Men of the Church for Work.

Rev. C. J. Baker, D. D., Atlanta, Ga.

2:45 P. M. Discussion.

3:00 P. M. The Church and the Women.

Mrs. G. W. Long, Coulter Academy, Cheraw, S. C.

3:30 P. M. Discussion.

3:45 P. M. Elementary Schools.

Mrs. M. A. Sanders, James Island, S. C.

4:15 P. M. Discussion.

4:30 P. M. Industrial Education.

Rev. John L. Phelps, D. D., Boggs Academy, Keysville, Ga.

5:00 P. M. Discussion.

5:15 P. M. Recess.

7:30 P. M. Popular Meeting under Auspices of the Women of the Conference.

Mrs. A. A. Jones, McConnellsville, S. C., Chairman.

Thursday, February 2, 1928

9:00 A. M. Devotional.

9:15 A. M. The 125th Anniversary of the Board of National Missions and Scotia Seminary.

Rev. T. E. Lewis, D. D., Concord, N. C.

9:45 A. M. Discussion.

10:00 A. M. The Ideals of Barber College.

Miss Mary E. Foresman, Dean, Anniston, Ala.

10:30 A. M. Discussion.

10:45 A. M. Training the Boys and Girls.

Rev. A. S. Clarke, D. D., Cordale, Ga.

11:15 A. M. Discussion.

11:30 A. M. Training Boys.

Rev. J. G. Porter, Harbison

Agricultural College, Irmo, S. C.

12:00 M. Discussion.

12:15 P. M. Recess.

2:00 P. M. Devotional.

2:15 P. M. Sunday School Missions.

Mr. J. M. Somerndike, New York, N. Y.

2:45 P. M. Discussion.

3:00 P. M. The Teachers of Yesterday and Today.

Prof. J. D. Martin, Ph. D., Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

3:30 P. M. Discussion.

3:45 P. M. The Qualifications of a Successful Minister.

Rev. I. D. Davis, D. D., Sumter, S. C.

4:15 P. M. Discussion.

4:30 P. M. Some Haines Graduates and What They are Doing.

Miss Lucy C. Laney, Haines Normal & Industrial Institute, Augusta, Ga.

5:00 P. M. Discussion.

5:15 P. M. Recess.

7:30 P. M. Sermon by Rev. H. Wilson, Concord, N. C.

We are very anxious to have present at this Conference at least one elder from each church as well as the minister.

Mrs. A. B. Snively and Dr. J. M. Gaston will grant personal interviews to the members of the Conference beginning Friday morning at 9 o'clock and continuing as long as is necessary.

It is expected that members of the Conference will attend all sessions.

Write to Prof. J. M. Tutt, Haines Normal and Industrial Institute, Augusta, Ga., advising him as to the time of your arrival and your place of entertainment will be assigned to you.

It is earnestly hoped that the local churches will pay the traveling expenses of their ministers to the Conference. The information and inspiration derived from the Conference should a good deal more than justify the local church in paying the expenses of their pastor. It will be impossible for the Division of Missions for Colored People to pay the traveling expenses of those attending the Conference. Entertainment will be furnished free.

DINNER FOR PRESBYTERIAN MINISTERS.

Chicago, Dec. 10.—The best investment business can make is in the pread of religion, is the opinion of Oscar C. Hagen, investment banker, member of the Second Presbyterian church. He gave that as the reason for extending an invitation to 1,000 clergymen and laymen of Chicago to be his personal guests at a dinner at the Hotel La Salle to launch one of the biggest revivals in the history of the city.

Plans were announced for the dinner, which is said to be unique in Chicago religious circles, in that it was conceived and is being carried out by the business man who is bearing the expense of several thousand dollars out of his own pocket. The guests will be the Presbyterian clergymen in the Chicago District together with two

to ten laymen from each church. National authorities on evangelism will be present to counsel in the plans for the Chicago campaign.

Compares Golfing Cost

"I am spending no more on this dinner than many men spend on golf in a single year," said Mr. Hagen. "A business friend who is quite a golf fan seemed astonished when he heard I expected to entertain a thousand churchmen in a plan to advance religion in Chicago and asked me if it wasn't quite an expenditure of money."

"I asked him to figure up what his various golf club memberships and other expenses of the game cost him over a year, and he finally estimated the amount at more than \$5,000. I told him I was spending less than that on an effort to benefit the entire city."

"Moral character is the basis of credit and without our vast commercial, industrial and financial enterprises would come tumbling down. The foundation of moral character is religion. If religion disappeared embezzlement, fraud and corruption will spread with inconceivable rapidity."

"I believe it is up to the business men to realize this and instead of expecting the ministers to do all the work of spreading the gospel to do all they can in the common enterprise. For that reason I expect from this time forth to devote just as much of my time and energy to the spread of religion as I do to business affairs."

DISTRICT MISSIONARY MEETING AT MONROE.

The District Missionary meeting, Mrs. Eli Jewell, leader, met at Blacks Memorial church, Sunday, November 27, at two o'clock.

An impressive prayer service was first held, Mrs. Sudie Cowan, of Wadesboro, leading.

After this was the roll call as follows:

Blacks' Memorial 15

M. Pisgah 2

Blacks' Memorial Guild 2

Matthew's Chapel 4

Visitors were Rev. and Mrs. J. H. Cowan, of Wadesboro, also Mr. Reed, Mrs. Annie Shute, Miss Ionia Shute, and Mr. F. M. Beaver, of Charlotte.

Representatives from Districts 1 and 4 were asked to rise and were introduced by Mrs. Jewell. Next the delegates of the local societies were asked to state how much of their assessments had been raised. The delegates' reports showed that all were working and those who had not yet sent in any of their assessments were planning to do so.

Mrs. Cowan of District No. 4 was next asked to speak. Mrs. Cowan said that she has found the women of District No. 4 to be good workers, but that they are greatly in need of information. She also said that she was greatly interested in the work though she had not been in the work long; that she was attending this meeting with the hope of obtaining information and to get some literature.

Mrs. Jewell expressed her delight that a capable woman as Mrs. Cowan is on that field. She informed the Convention that Mrs. Geo. Davis, Presbyterian President, could not be with us, as she was with her husband in a very important engagement connected with his educational work.

Mrs. Jewell next introduced Mrs. Annie Shute, of Johnson C. Smith University, who gave us a brief, but concise review of our mission study book, "See For Yourself." The review

gave us much information and was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Shute and Mrs. Jewell urged the delegates to purchase and study this splendid book.

Mrs. Jewell said that she felt that the interesting review conducted by Mrs. Shute would make the women anxious to own a book.

Mrs. Jewell next introduced Mr. Beavers, of Johnson C. Smith University. Mr. Beaver spoke in a very enthusiastic manner of the work of missions. He spoke of the inspiration he had received by attending the Women's Missionary Societies.

He said they are obeying Christ's command. Mr. Beavers spoke of Paul's great work as a missionary.

The next speaker was Rev. J. H. Cowan, of Wadesboro, who spoke of Mrs. Jewell's faithfulness in her work. He said that the church is in need of those filled with the true missionary spirit.

Miss Ionia Shute, of the Bidleville church, Charlotte, was next introduced. Miss Shute is a young woman of pleasing personality and made an interesting talk.

Dr. C. N. Jenkins, pastor of Black's Memorial and Matthews chapel, made a splendid address. He spoke of women as leaders and of the inspiration he received from a faithful group of missionary women in the first church he pastored. He said that every woman whose name is on the church roll should be a member of the missionary society.

Rev. S. L. Fullwood in his very interesting talk said that every church should have a missionary society; that every true servant of God is a missionary.

Mrs. S. L. Fullwood also made a talk. She said that though handicapped by a family of small children, she is still trying to work for missions.

A large audience was present. After the meeting a bountiful dinner was enjoyed.

MRS. ELI JEWELL, Leader.

ANNIE A. CHRESFIELD, Sec.

OUR BENEVOLENCE QUOTA.

To the ministers and sessions of the Cape Fear Presbytery:

Dear Brethren:

It is being alleged that the average Negro minister in the Presbyterian Church is not intensively interested and in dead earnest to build a strong, self-supporting church; that there are men on the field who seem to be simply marking time as the record indicates. They claim to base the allegation upon the records found in the Minutes of the General Assembly. This is not the charge made by our enemies, but by our friends and supporters in the work.

Is the above statement correct? Our Master says: "by their fruits ye shall know them." The record shows that there was not a Presbytery within the bounds of Catawba that came up to its obligation last year in the matter of benevolence.

There are churches within our bounds that failed to give anything last year to the great cause of benevolence—not even the widow's mite to help save the world for Christ. And yet they came up to Presbytery with the usual illuminating speeches trying to tell how it happened. They have yet to learn that "it is more blessed to give than to receive."

What does the record show? Last year the Synod of Catawba reported a grand total of \$11,008 in benevolence instead

of \$18,322, leaving a balance of \$7,314.

The payments were as follows:

Presbytery	Quota	Paid	Pctg.
Cape Fear	\$2,524	\$2,906	82
Catawba	2,510	2,572	48
So. Va.	22,297	2,250	88.3
York	5,571	2,581	46

These Presbyteries owe the agency \$7,314 which will never be paid. Of this amount our own dear Presbytery owes \$629 that the Boards need, and, according to promise, ought to be paid.

The average minister forgets that when he falls below the average he pulls the average down. While the record shows that we paid more dollars than any Presbytery within the bounds of the Synod, as usual, yet the youngest and weakest pulls up to 88.9 per cent while we only scrambled up to 82 per cent.

We admit that comparisons are odious and yet there are two of our oldest and strongest Presbyteries that fell below 50 per cent, thus pulling the average down.

So much for last year, but what about this year? Cape Fear Presbytery is on the job! We are expecting to climb over the top this year. We are not waiting until next March to raise and send in our benevolence. The Boards are paying \$75,000 interest on borrowed money.

I am making this appeal to the brethren of our Synod in general, and to dear Cape Fear in particular, to the end that we may contradict the above allegation by facts and figures.

Sincerely,

C. DILLARD,

Chairman Committee on Benevolence, Cape Fear Presbytery.

PROHIBITION FACING A CRISIS.

(Address of Former Governor Pinchot of Pennsylvania before the Banquet of the National Convention of the Anti-Saloon League, Mayflower Hotel, Evening of Thursday, Dec. 8, 1927.)

The dry forces of America have been too long and too easily contented with the crumbs that fall from the rich man's table. It is high time that they stop meekly and thankfully picking up the crumbs and take the table instead.

In the coming Presidential election, the drys are facing the greatest crisis since the 18th Amendment was enacted. The danger is not that any wet like Al Smith will become President of the United States. No acknowledged wet will ever sit in the White House. Let us stop worrying about what is not even a remote contingency, and look the real danger in the face.

The real danger is that some enforcement half-breed will be elected, some man who talks dry enough to satisfy the dry voters and acts wet enough to satisfy the wet voters. And if such a man is elected, it will be because the dry people have accepted less than they get from both parties—far less than they can get, if they had the courage to insist on getting it.

Before, our very faces the old trick of "now you see it and now you don't" is in full swing. The political shell-game lets you and me catch glimpses now of this candidate and now of that peeping out from under the dry shell. That is because you and I are dry. But when the manipulation is over, and the election is past, and we lift up the shell and look under it,

will the peeping out from under the dry shell.

We have elected a man who will stay dry. There is at least one prominent candidate who is being supported in the West as a dry and in the East as a wet. Is there any good reason why we should not know precisely what we are voting for?

America is dry. Under our theory of government the majority should rule. Can any one give a sound reason why the dry majority should give its support to any Presidential candidate in either party who is himself a violator of the Constitution of the United States, or a winkler at its violation by others?

Why should the drys support any man who is not willing to put himself squarely on the side of the Constitution and pledge himself if elected to take this government out of the hands of those who violate the Constitution, and put it in the hands of those who respect the Constitution?

Why should dry America consent to nominate or elect in either Party as President a man who is either personally or politically wet or even damp, or who is too timorous or too devoted to tell where he stands? Is there anything unreasonable in asking for candidates in both parties who are genuine believers in the 18th Amendment, or about whom it is known in advance that they will enforce the law if elected?

Why should we play with this matter any longer? If the dry forces of America are willing to stand up and fight for their principles without respect of parties or persons they will get what they go after. This is not the time to accept what is offered, but to demand what we want and see that we get it.

NEW HAMPTON CHURCH AND COMMUNITY NOTES.

By Miss Alberta McClelland

It has been quite a while since the readers of this paper heard from the field of New Hampton but we are still alive.

On last Sunday morning, December 11th, our pastor, Dr. F. T. Logan, preached to us a strong and impressive sermon on the subject, "Come, let us reason together." Every one enjoyed this message.

This day was set apart as rally day. The morning collection amounted to the neat sum of \$13.00.

In the afternoon we listened to another inspiring sermon by the pastor, Dr. Logan. His text was Romans first chapter and the 8th verse. At this time we were delighted to have visitors from Torrence Grove church; Mr. and Mrs. Will Knox and daughter, Miss Viola Knox, of Rockwell church, and Mr. G. W. Robertson and part of his choir of Siloam church. All visitors are welcome at New Hampton church. The collection for the afternoon amounted to the sum of \$22.35, making a total for the day of \$35.35. During the collection the choir rendered excellent music.

Our Sunday school is making progress. Plans are being made for the Christmas tree which will be given at New Hampton church, Monday night, December 26th.

Mr. Eugene Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Scott, is seriously ill at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Charlotte. We hope for him an early recovery.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Haynes, Jr., a fine son. Mother and son are doing nicely.

Rally day will be at our church, Sunday, December 25th. Visitors will be welcome.