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THE NEW YEAR.

The Rev. Dr. William Carter, pastor of the Throop Avenue Presbyterian church, of Brooklyn, N. Y., preached a sermon last Sabbath morning on "The Opportunities of the New Year" that was full of suggestions designed to help those who are desirous that the end of the New Year shall show an advance for them in both material and spiritual values. Dr. Carter said among other things:

"Every new year is a new chance for the discouraged and despairing. We learn from experience that the experience of failure is much more impressive and enlightening than the experience of success.

"We learn to rectify our mistakes only by knowing that we have made them. The ignorant and easygoing never know where they have failed and have not wit enough nor initiative enough to try to do differently. Blessed is the man who makes mistakes and knows how he made them! He will do better next time.

"Opportunity has no forelock, it must be taken from the rear. The man who waits for opportunity never meets it. It is the man that gets a grip on it. It already man that overtakes opportunity has a 'head start' on you in this new year. 'Gird up your loins' and catch up with it and you will have a better year than ever before. 'There's a good time coming' is a poor motto for an ambitious man. The better motto is, 'There's a good time going and I am going to catch it before it gets away.'"

LYNCHINGS IN 1927.

It is reported from the Department of Records and Research of Tuskegee Institute that there were sixteen persons lynched in the United States in 1927 as against thirty in 1926. All of the lynchings were in the Southern States and all of the victims were Negroes, four of whom were burned after being put to death.

A lynchless year for which law-abiding citizens have been praying and working does not yet appear to be near, for the number of lynchings for the past four years save that of 1926 has been practically the same. In 1924 there were 16, in 1925 there were 17, and 16 in 1927.

NORTH CAROLINA STATE PRISON STATISTICS.

For many years the number of Negroes committed to the State prison of North Carolina has outnumbered the whites, but statistics show that for the past fifteen years or more the number of white criminals committed to prison has increased far more rapidly than that of Negroes. In 1912, 73 whites and 112 colored were committed to the State prison. In 1917 the number was, whites 77, colored 89; in 1922, whites 209, colored 188; in 1927, whites 473, colored 305.

While the State prison statistics have been reversed in recent years in favor of the Negroes of the State as compared with the whites, crime is still on the increase in both races as is also borne out by the statistics. This condition is a challenge to the home, the church and the school.

SUNDAY COURT AT GOLDSBORO.

Mr. Editor:—Your article in your paper of December 15th is astounding for several reasons, but chief of these is the convening of a criminal court on Sunday!

Only last Saturday, December 17th, in this city a murder case was being tried in the Hastings Court. (The parties were white). The case went to the jury about 6:30 P. M. The jury retired to consider their verdict. Promptly at 11:45 P. M. they were summoned to come into court if they had reached a verdict and when they said they had not, the learned judge informed them that it was unlawful for them to deliberate on a Sunday and they must appear again in court on Monday at 10 A. M.

I write to ask: Is there no such law in the great State of North Carolina? Why should the Sabbath day be thus used in a Christian commonwealth? Let some one who knows tell. Quote us the law that governs such a procedure; for I have a slumbering feeling that it was a case of "railroading" a "nigger" to the electric chair—hence this in-tercent haste.

Yours for orderly government in both Church and State,
A. A. HECTOR.
Richmond, Va.

[The Charlotte Observer of Monday, Dec. 12th, gave a long account of the trial at Goldsboro. We are sending a copy of that paper to Rev. Hector. Judge Henry A. Grady, who presided over the court, is regarded as a learned jurist. We presume, therefore, there is no law in North Carolina forbidding the holding of court on the Sabbath, although we think public sentiment is decidedly against such a procedure. The accused was convicted but, we understand, is to have another hearing.—A. A. Presbyterian.]

SPECIAL NOTICE.

To Scotia College Graduates, Undergraduates and Daughters of Graduates.

We, the undersigned, having seen the work our sisters are doing in other States, have caught a vision and we are hoping that our sisters in this section will catch the same, and will come with us on January 28th, 1928, at 2:30 o'clock, at the office of Miss Nannie I. Davis, 102 Manning Avenue, Sumter, S. C., for the purpose of organizing a Scotia Chapter to do something for our Alma Mater.

We are also asking the ministers of this county to kindly read this notice from their pulpits.

MISS HELEN N. USHER,
MISS ISABELLE McKAY,
MISS NANNIE I. DAVIS.

Dr. Julia P. Coleman, a well known North Carolinian, now living in New York, was recently elected President of the New York City Federation of Women's Clubs.

CHRISTMAS AT JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY.

The Christmas holidays at Johnson C. Smith University extended from Friday, December 23rd, to Monday, January 2nd. Several members of the faculty took advantage of the recess to go away for a day or two and many of the students went to their homes for the entire season. Through the good offices of Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Rev. A. J. Corley, Superintendent of buildings, and Mrs. Mamie K. Spaulding, Matron, the students who remained at the University were made to feel very much at home. The Christmas tree that has become a feature of the Yuletide at the University was arranged for this year by Mrs. McCrorey, who saw to it that every student was remembered by some token expressive of the Christmas spirit. The exercises connected with the tree and the presentation of gifts took place Christmas morning.

At two o'clock Christmas day the faculty and students were entertained at dinner provided by the generosity and thoughtfulness of Mrs. Johnson C. Smith. Dr. and Mrs. McCrorey, together with the Superintendent and Matron, acted as host and hostess during this repast and all passed a delightful hour.

Dr. Yorke Jones and Mrs. S. Herbert Adams for the Faculty, and Mr. George Dockery for the student body, expressed the thanks and good feeling of those present. On the suggestion of Dr. Jones it was unanimously voted that Dr. and Mrs. McCrorey send Mrs. Johnson C. Smith a message of greeting and appreciation from the assembled diners. All went away with best wishes for Johnson C. Smith University and its gracious benefactress.

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE NEGRO?

The Fact-Finding Stock-Taking Conference which has just adjourned in Durham, N. C., has been acclaimed one of the greatest meetings of its kind ever held. Brilliant addresses by leaders in various activities marked this very important conference. When minutes, reports and recommendations of this gathering are published we are expected to know "What's wrong with the Negro," and what we must do to correct these wrongs. And while we await the announcements and findings of the Durham Conference we find ourselves speculating, so to speak, on the same subject—"What's Wrong with the Negro?" When we attempt to answer this question we are surely faced with a problem. Perhaps no race on earth has been disgraced, as it were, as often as the Negro. Where he is found to be ignorant his treatment is a school or college. When it is a question of religion immediately a new church springs up. If it is a health problem he gets a hospital. And so it goes—a remedy for every condition.

With all of these various remedies and all of his progress in various directions he is yet in a very bad condition if we accept the opinions of many with whom we come in contact. To some he is lazy and unreliable; to others he lacks race pride; and still others can find a number of ills that are peculiar to the Negro.

And after all we wonder if many of these criticisms are justifiable. We have often been told that no group of people has made the same progress in a given period of time that the Negro has made. He is still making progress and the next thirty years will find him further advanced in the process of finding himself. His greatest need is opportunity, a chance to earn a living, a chance to overcome the ignorance and superstition that has been his lot for years; a chance to send his boy and girl to school where they may avail themselves of the privileges that were denied the majority of Negroes a few years ago.—The Florida Sentinel.

CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE IN THE CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILSON, N. C.

On Sunday, December 18th, the following Christmas exercises were carried out under the supervision of Miss Theodora Percival and Mrs. Sarah Vick:

Prelude: Christmas Hymns.
Processional: "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Prayer.

Response:—"O, come to my heart, Lord Jesus,

There is room in my heart for Thee."

Hymn, "Watchman, Tell us of the Night." (Antiphonal).
Prophecy: (Pioneer Boys).
Hymn: The First Noel.

Jesus' Birth: (Tuxis Girls).
The Shepherds and the Angels: (Light Bearers).
Hymn: "Away in a Manger," (Beginners and Primaries).

The Visit of the Magi: (Pioneer Boys).
Trio and Chorus: "We Three Kings of the Orient Are."

Solo, "Silent Night, Holy Night."
Hymn: "As With Gladness men of Old." (Antiphonal).
Christmas Message, the Pastor.

Response.
Hymn, "Joy to the World."

Benediction.
The Candle lights added beauty and charm to the occasion.

Pioneers Jesse Gray and Carl Jones made a large star electrically lighted and placed it in the tower of the church Christmas Eve night. This was an innovation. It attracted the attention of a large number of people. These boys have been the recipients of many words of commendation for their workmanship.

The Tuxis Girls carried Christmas cheer in the form of fruits, etc., to the inmates of the County Home for the poor.

The Young People's Forum is moving to be a place where people of varying opinions mix together to discuss and listen to the discussion of the vital problems of the day. This Forum, fostered by the Tuxis Girls and Pioneer Boys, is trying to provide a place to stimulate thinking, to build character and to make better citizens. The attendance thus far has exceeded the expectation of the promoters.

The December meetings were as follows: on the second Sunday Mr. J. W. Ivy, Book Critic of the Messenger Magazine, spoke on "The Need of a New Economic Leadership for Negroes." This was an inspiring and informing address. The discussions which followed were enlightening. On the 4th Sunday the out-of-town students conducted a "Symposium." The project was a success in every detail. The following schools were represented: University of Michigan, Howard University, Dunbar High School, Washington; Orange, New Jersey, High School, St. Paul, Va., State College, Shaw, State Normal at Fayetteville, Livingstone, N. C. College and J. C. Smith.

The following speakers are scheduled for future meetings: Jan. 8th, Mr. L. A. Oxley, of the State Department of Welfare and Charities; January 22, Mr. Walter P. Evans, merchant prince, of Laurinburg; Feb. 12, (Race Relations Day), Prof. C. H. Hamlin, head of the department of Sociology in the Atlantic Christian College, will speak. Mr. Hamlin is a member of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and the author of "The War-Myth in United States History."

We are expecting to have Mr. Franklin O. Nichols, of the American Social Hygiene Society to make a special address to men and boys on February 26.

"THE SCRIBE."

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to thank our friends for the many kind things done for us during the recent illness and death of our husband and father, Mr. L. M. Russell.

MRS. IRENE RUSSELL AND DAUGHTER.

MRS. HANNAH (ADGER) BROOKS HARGRAVE.

A Tribute.
The busy hand of death beckoned again to the side of a new-made grave.

Under date of December 21, 1927, this message came to us:

Dear Friends: Mama passed quietly away this morning at six and will be buried on Saturday, 24th, at noon, from her late home, 2118 Carpenter Street, Philadelphia.

Sincerely yours,
CHAS. S. BROOKS.

Mrs. Hannah Brooks Hargrave came to her death in the city of her birth, Philadelphia, Pa. She lived a long and useful life. It was in three States—Pennsylvania, South Carolina and North Carolina—that she rendered resident services. But it was particularly at Charlotte and in connection with the campus doings of Biddle University (now Johnson C. Smith University) that her noble impress was made.

She came to the University at a crucial time, with her husband, the late Prof. Wm. F. Brooks, in 1891, when the administrative affairs of the school were suddenly changed from a white to a colored faculty. In a motherly way she entered generously into the lives of the students of the campus, and her home soon became and continued to be, during her stay on the campus, a rendezvous for all depressed students seeking consolation for their dejected spirits, and a balm for their physical ills. The services rendered by her in that way were timely, and the results for good could not be computed.

After the death of her husband, the Rev. Wm. F. Brooks, D. D., in 1897, she continued to reside near the college campus, and in due course of time, became the wife of the Rev. Prof. Wm. M. Hargrave, D. D., also a teacher in the school. Her deeds of kindness and tenderness continued to the death of her last husband, when she, in 1907, returned to Philadelphia, where she breathed her last on December 21st ult.

Church Membership
Mrs. Hannah Brooks Hargrave was a non-resident member of the Seventh Street Presbyterian church, Charlotte, and sent her contribution for the financial support of the church regularly as though she attended in person.

We desire to record this estimate of our deceased friend. She was kindhearted and generous. She despised not one of God's creatures. She could not cherish malice. It was not characteristic of her to harm any one. She loved God. In the hunder she heard His voice. In the sunshine she saw His smile and in everything His all-pervading goodness and mercy.

Her work on earth is done and she is at rest.

"And from heaven of heavens above
God speaketh with bateless breath:
My angel of perfect love
Is the angel men call Death."

(PROF.) J. D. MARTIN,
Johnson C. Smith Univ.,
Charlotte, N. C.

PROF. ADAMS WINS DEGREE.

Prof. S. Herbert Adams, who has for some years been Registrar of Johnson C. Smith University, has recently passed the examination for the Modern M. A. degree of Durham University, England.

Prof. Adams took his post-graduate course in the field of Latin under the tuition of Oxford University and passed the examination at the first attempt.

G. G. M. JAMES,
Head of the Department of Classics, Johnson C. Smith University.

A daughter, Laurette Yolande, was born to Rev. and Mrs. Thos. B. Hargrave, Dec. 14th, at the Providence Hospital, Danville, Va., weight 8 lbs. Mother and baby doing nicely.

Dr. Thomas A. Long returned last Saturday from Washington, D. C., where he attended the annual meeting of the American Sociological Society, which was held December 27-30, 1927, at the Raleigh Hotel. Colored members present at the meeting were Prof. Monroe Work, Editor of the Negro Year Book, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama; Dr. Kelly Miller and Prof. Jones, Howard University, Washington, D. C.; Dean W. S. Turner, Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., and Dr. Thos. A. Long, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

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By Mrs. Nancy L. Crumpton

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The Sabbath school was well attended. The Senior Banner was still retained by Cephas Bible class, Dr. C. N. Millan, teacher. The Primary Banner was taken by the Senior class, Mrs. N. L. Crumpton, teacher.

The choir rendered a program of Christmas music on Sunday, Dec. 25. A splendid audience was present who expressed themselves as having enjoyed it.

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