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THE ROSENWALD SCHOOL.

The dedication yesterday at Method, near Raleigh, of the four thousandth Rosenwald school in the South for Negroes, would have been a noteworthy event in any circumstances, but the presence of Mr. Rosenwald himself and a number of high State officials heightened interest in the occasion. Mr. Rosenwald's beneficence, while of direct benefit to the Negro, has been an educational inspiration to the entire South. It was fitting, therefore, that he should be welcomed by leaders of education in the State, without distinction of race.

Mr. Rosenwald's interest in Negro education dates back to the days of Booker T. Washington, and we think the first Rosenwald school was built in Alabama. During the past 18 years Mr. Rosenwald has given \$3,000,000 towards the erection of the type of school building which bears his name. One-sixth of this princely sum has gone into buildings in the State of North Carolina. The fact that so much has been given since the inauguration of this movement is evidence not only of the generous impulses of Mr. Rosenwald but is attestation of the broadening attitude of Southern white people, particularly in North Carolina, and the self-sacrificing spirit of the colored people themselves. It was only through the co-operation of these participating parties that the gratifying results which are now of record could be attained. The colored people honor Mr. Rosenwald, who is not only a great philanthropist, but a man of the highest ideals and the broadest sympathies.

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE.

"Behold, how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." This thought suggests itself in view of the approaching Community Service that has been arranged by various congregations, for April 6. This service is intended to commemorate the Crucifixion and will be conducted in the First Methodist Church. The service is divided into seven units, one for each of the last words uttered by the Saviour on the cross, and people can come and go during the service, remaining for one or more units, as desired. The character of this memorial service is of a kind that invests it with unusual interest and it should prove unity day in the best sense of the word for the various congregations of Charlotte.—The Charlotte Observer.

IMMEDIATE OBJECTIVES OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF CATAWBA SYNOD.

Frank C. Shirley.

In this article we wish to consider three items which are of immediate interest to the Sunday schools within our Synod:

I. Our Effort to Secure 1000 New Sunday School Members.

During recent months some startling figures and facts have been released in regards to the present status of the Protestant Churches in the United States. Writing in "The World's Work" for September, 1927, Dr. Charles Stelzle, head of the Church Advertising Department of the National Advertising Association, shows the rise and decline of Protestantism in America over the period of 125 years. His figures show that from 1800 to around 1890 there was a steady healthy increase in membership of Protestant Churches, but for over 25 years the growth has been very slow.

In the "Forum" for February, 1928, Herbert Asbury, debating the question, "Is Protestantism Dying?" says in the face of the decline in membership and internal denominational strife the death of Protestantism is inevitable. It has received a mortal hurt and the uproar is its death agony, it is sustained solely by the momentum of 200 years of domination.

The same note of alarm is continued by Dr. W. R. Patterson of the General Council of our own Church. He pointed out recently that "More than 32 per cent of all the Presbyterian Northern Baptist and Methodist Episcopal Churches in the U. S. failed to secure a single convert last year." In other words, of the 9299 Presbyterian churches, 3269 did not add a single member; of 8765 Northern Baptist churches 3474 made no increase; and of 16,581 M. E. churches 4651 registered no gains.

While the Protestant churches are showing this gradual decline the Roman Catholic Church, which already constitutes one fifth of the population of the nation, made a gain last year of 600,000.

These items are merely cited to intensify our interest in the approaching membership effort, and to impress the fact that we should not stop with enrolling these new pupils in the Sunday school, but should seek to ultimately bring them into the church. The response of the churches in setting their goals has been encouraging, yet there are several schools which have not met their estimates. We have in the Synod 178 churches. If one hundred of these churches add 10 pupils each our goal would be reached. In our replies so far two churches have set goals for 50 each. We realize that every church can not add large numbers, but we believe each church in the Synod ought to back the movement whether the gain be large or small.

II. Children's Day.

Inasmuch as our membership campaign formally closes on Children's Day we should seek this year to make it more impressive and significant than ever before. With the passing of Easter Sunday we should begin at once to make preparations for the second Sunday in June when the entire nation pauses to give honor to the children who are to be the future leaders of our nation. The kind of leaders they will make depends upon what goes into the formation of their characters in these plastic days of their development. In view of the gradual retrenchment policy to which the Department of S. S. Missions has had to resort, we are urged this year also to try to increase our offerings to this cause. More will be said about this item later.

III. Daily Vacation Bible Schools.

Last summer there were conducted in Catawba Synod 80 D. V. B. schools. This was an increase of 30 over 1926. These schools had an enrollment of 7084 pupils, an increase of 2681 over 1926. As to length of term 32 of the 80 schools ran two weeks, 15 three weeks, 5 four weeks, 5 five weeks and one ran

six weeks. Six schools attained an enrollment of over 200 and 23 schools enrolled over 100 pupils.

The 1927 achievement was commendable, but we are out to surpass that record. Our goal is 120 schools with 12,000 pupils and an average term of three weeks. May we, therefore, urge that plans be started early by the local workers looking towards the accomplishment of our aim. Remember that with your school lined up we will only need 119 more. So if you have not signified your intention of having a school will you let us know at an early date as we would like to have the list ahead of time in order that we might arrange the itinerary of our field force so as to give you the most efficient service possible in making your effort a success.

PRaise HEAPED ON ROSENWALD.

(From The Charlotte Observer)

Raleigh, April 4.—Julius Rosenwald, whose money has helped to build 4,000 Negro schools in the South, participated in the dedication of one of them for the first time today when the Berry O'Kelly High School at Method, near here, was formally turned over to the Wake County Board of Education. It is the four thousandth Rosenwald school.

Josephus Daniels, Editor of The Raleigh News and Observer, made the principal speech in which he dedicated the school "to the friendship between the Southern white men and the Southern colored men." It was accepted on behalf of the county by Dr. N. Y. Gulley, Dean of the Wake Forest School of Law and chairman of the Board of Education.

"When I began life," said Dr. Gulley, "such an occasion as this was not only impossible, but absolutely unthinkable. I thank God that we have been freed from slavery of thought as well as fact."

Mr. Rosenwald came here especially to attend the dedicatory exercises. At the request of State education leaders, he also took part in a conference at Shaw University on the subject of North Carolina's service to its Negro citizens. He left tonight for New York enroute to his home in Chicago.

Praise of the Hebrew, who has given \$3,000,000 of his personal fortune to the education of the Negro, featured the several addresses made by educational leaders at the dedicatory exercises. In a brief and emotional acknowledgement at the conclusion of the program, Mr. Rosenwald praised Berry O'Kelly, prominent Negro, for whom the school is named. O'Kelly, well to do, has been a leader in promoting Negro education in this country.

Others speaking at the exercises included Dr. A. T. Allen, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; S. L. Smith, of Nashville, Tenn., general Field Agent for the Rosenwald Fund in the South; W. F. Credle, Superintendent of the Wake county schools; Berry O'Kelly; Dr. G. E. Davis, Supervisor of Rosenwald Buildings in the State and Prof. N. C. Newbold, State Supervisor of Education, who presided.

AT SCHOOL DEDICATION.

President and Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, of Johnson C. Smith University, spent Wednesday in Raleigh. Early in the day they witnessed the dedication of the Rosenwald building, one of the units of the Berry O'Kelly Training School at Method. In the afternoon they attended at Shaw University a meeting of a committee appointed at the last session of the North Carolina Teachers' Association to make survey of Negro education, health and social welfare, with a view to making recommendations to the next Legislature.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

—St. Matt. 6:34.

URBAN LEAGUE CONVENES IN PHILADELPHIA.

The Annual Urban League Conference of representatives from nearly fifty cities will meet in Philadelphia, April 10th to 13th, to discuss social problems in cities. Those who will participate in the discussion are representative white and colored persons concerned about matters of race relations and the general living and working conditions of Negroes. The subject of the Conference is "Co-ordination of Social Effort." The program in part is as follows:

April 10th—2 P. M.—Research Seminar led by Charles S. Johnson, Director of the Department of Research of the National Urban League.

8 P. M.—Executive Session of Workers and Board Members.

April 11th—10 A. M.—Continuation of the Research Seminar in which the practical application of the Seminar findings will be discussed under the leadership of James H. Hubert, Executive Secretary, New York Urban League.

2 P. M.—Adjustment and Relief in Emergencies and Disasters will be discussed by James L. Fieser, Vice-Chairman of the American Red Cross; Jesse O. Thomas, Southern Field Secretary, National Urban League; and John T. Clark, Executive Secretary, St. Louis Urban League.

8 P. M.—Public meeting will be held at the Allen A. M. E. church at which Sherman C. Kingsley, President of the National Conference of Social Work; Miss Mary McDowell, formerly Director of Public Welfare of the City of Chicago; and B. E. Mays, Executive Secretary of the Tampa Urban League, will speak.

April 12th—2 P. M.—Excursion to important social work projects in the city of Philadelphia; on Thursday night at

7:45 P. M.—there will be an interracial Mass Meeting at the John Wanamaker Store at which distinguished colored men and women in various professions will tell of achievements in their particular field and music will be rendered by the Robert C. Ogden Association's Band and Chorus. Ernestine Jessie Covington, Juilliard "Fellow" in New York, will render piano selections; and Christine Caldwell, Soprano, will sing. Among the speakers will be Robert L. Vann, Editor of the "Pittsburgh Courier"; John W. Davis, President, West Virginia Collegiate Institute; Shelton H. Bishop, Curate of St. Philip's P. E. Church, New York; and Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary, National Urban League. L. Hollingsworth Wood, President of the National Urban League, will preside and response will be made by Lloyd Garrison, great-grandson of the Liberator, William Lloyd Garrison.

April 13th—INDUSTRY—Speakers—Henry T. Hunt, Attorney for the Brotherhood of Pullman Car Employees, and former member of the War Labor Board.

Reinzi B. Lemus, President, Grand Council of the Brotherhood of Dining Car Employees. A. J. Musto, Chairman, Faculty, Brookwood Labor College, Katonah, N. Y.

T. Arnold Hill, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations, National Urban League, will preside at one of the sessions, and Ira DeA. Reid, Industrial Secretary, New York Urban League, will preside at the other.

The day sessions will be held at the Social Service Building, 311 South Juniper Street, Philadelphia. Information concerning reservations and any details of the Conference may be secured from Wayne L. Hopkins, Executive Secretary, Armstrong Association (The Urban League of Philadelphia) 1434 Lombard Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

The sudden death of U. S. Senator Frank B. Willis, of Ohio, last Saturday night removed the most aggressive contender for the Republican presidential nomination. Just what effect his exit from the stage will have upon the aspirations of other candidates is yet to be seen.

BARBER COLLEGE NEWS.

Welcome Spring, with birds, flowers and beautiful sunshine. Everything around Barber seems to be taking on new life since Spring began.

On St. Patrick's Day the Social Committees of the four Christian Endeavor groups gave a social in the dining room for the school.

We are very sorry to report the death of Mr. Wynn, the father of Miss Lillie Mae Wynn, but we are glad to say that Lillie Mae is improved at this writing.

The chorus is working hard on "The Crucifixion" by Steiner, which we are planning to give on the 6th of April at the 17th Street Baptist church and on Easter Sunday in Barber chapel.

The College department is practicing for a program to be given the first of May. The proceeds are to go to help furnish the college parlor for commencement, and the Y. W. C. A. Conference.

We were very glad to have Miss Ternent's sister from Washington, D. C., with us this week.

Miss Smock, one of the college teachers, received word last week of the death of her grandmother in Chicago, Ill.

Miss Azzie Lee Oliver, of the Third Senior class, was called home last Sunday on account of the death of her aunt. Also Miss Cleotha Jenkins was called home on account of the death of her brother.

Misses Hammond and Ternent and sister motored over and spent the week-end in Birmingham and Montgomery. Monday six of the teachers went to Birmingham on a shopping trip.

Dr. Scherer attended Presbytery at Courtsville last week.

Miss Annette Foster was called home Tuesday on account of the death of her father.

The missionary program for this month was beautifully given by Misses Shaw and Ternent's prayer circle. The topics were, "The Immigrants" and "Japan." A group of girls in Japanese costume introduced us to some of the customs of Japan. The platform was decorated with the United States, and Japanese flags. The latter was made by Miss Shaw.

CHESTNUT ST. CHURCH, WILMINGTON.

Our pastor, Rev. N. A. Johnson, spoke from Matthew 27:46, "And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, lama sabachthani? that is to say, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Elcer P. S. Ancrum, of Maxton, worshipped with us Sunday, April 1st. We were glad to have him. He assisted in serving communion.

Rev. Johnson was called and took charge of our church in January. Since that time he has added four members. He is wide awake and up and doing. All of the services are well attended and every one seems to enjoy the sermons.

The Missionary Society had a salad supper last Monday night at the home of Mrs. E. C. Grigg, which was successful. The sum of \$7.66 was realized.

The Sunday school is planning an elaborate program for Easter. Miss Carrie Hargrave and Miss Fannie James are in charge.

Mrs. Lula Thomas has been confined to her home for two weeks, but is much improved at this writing. Mrs. Thomas is the mother of Mrs. Gummer.

We are proud to say that every department of the church has taken on new life and is working earnestly.

A MEMBER.

ATLANTIC PRESBYTERIAL.

Atlantic Presbyterial will convene with St. Luke's church at the Spring meeting of Presbytery to be held in Orangeburg, S. C., April 12th, 1928, at 10:30 A. M.

Local societies are urged to send delegates, also the Presbyterial assessment.

MRS. E. H. METZ, Cor. Sec.
MRS. S. E. GRAY, President.

RADCLIFFE MEMORIAL CHURCH, ATLANTA, GA.

Rev. J. H. Byers, D. D., Pastor.

Palm Sunday was a big day at Radcliffe church. The weather was ideal. A splendid audience was present at the morning service. Music in keeping with the occasion was beautifully rendered by the vested choir. The pastor took for his text, "The Majestic March of the Master." His sermon was a masterful presentation of the Kingship of Jesus. Our hearts burned within us as he graphically depicted the triumphant entry of Jesus into the city of Jerusalem.

The Mosolit Club rendered a musical program in the church auditorium at eight o'clock in the evening. A capacity house greeted the singers. Each actor was an artist of the highest type. The program was a treat beyond compare. Rev. A. A. Wilson, of Decatur, and Dr. W. F. Penn, of Tuskegee, lifted the collection. And they do know how to take an offering.

The church, at a recent meeting, elected three elders, one deacon and one trustee, and two deaconesses. O. E. Williams, E. R. Caldwell and A. B. Taggart were elected elders; Benjamin Coffee, deacon, and Joseph Pace, Trustee. Mrs. Lula B. Hill and Mrs. Addie Kilpatrick were elected deaconesses. The Session elected O. E. Williams, Clerk; Dr. S. M. Russell, Treasurer, and Attorney A. R. Bicks, Superintendent of the Sunday school.

The members of the church were made very happy Sunday morning when they saw Mrs. Lula Hill and Mrs. Addie Kilpatrick in their seats. These loyal and faithful women have been on the sick list for several weeks.

Miss M. J. Brodie, of Charlotte, N. C., who is taking a course in Social Science here, is an active worker in our church. She has charge of a group of boys who are being trained by her for Christian service. They are organized into a club. They call themselves Tuxis Club. This club will present a play at the church Easter Sunday at 7:30 P. M. The name of the play is, "He Is Risen."

Radcliffe always has a warm welcome for visitors. We were honored last Sunday with the presence of the following distinguished visitors: President M. S. Davage, Clark University; Dr. W. B. Penn, Dr. C. A. Spence, Dr. A. L. Kelsey, Dr. A. B. McCoy, Rev. W. J. Faulkner, Attorney A. W. Ricks, Atlanta; Attorney Rucker, New York City; Mrs. Rucker, Mr. Cornelius King, Mr. F. J. Wimberry, Mr. E. W. Hatchett, Mr. R. E. Pleasant, Mr. M. J. Kilpatrick, Mr. W. H. Aikens, Mr. Calhoun and others.

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FROM ELIZABETHTOWN, N. C.

This has been an eventful and somewhat prosperous year for the 2nd Presbyterian church of Elizabethtown, N. C., Rev. B. H. Brown.

During the summer Mr. Powe, who is a very earnest worker, conducted a very successful Daily Vacation Bible School here.

Miss Mattie Crawford recently became the happy bride of Mr. W. C. Shaw. Mr. Shaw is our elder and a great worker of our church.

Our elementary school was one of the unfortunate schools of the church to be cut off by the Board of National Missions to reduce the big debt of the Board. Rev. B. H. Brown and wife, Mrs. Mamie T. Brown, seeing the great need of the people and listening to their cries, opened the school on the first Monday of October. They enrolled a large number of pupils. They have carried on the work without aid from the Board, and have had a very fine school term. They say the way was very dark at first but they looked to God from whom all blessing flow, and He opened

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