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A PECULIAR COINCIDENCE IN AMERICAN HISTORY.

Henry Olney in the National Republic calls attention to the fact that beginning with the year 1840 every President of the United States elected each succeeding twenty years, has died in office, namely, William Henry Harrison, Abraham Lincoln, James A. Garfield, William McKinley and Warren G. Harding. While the unusual coincidence is no proof that the man elected to the Presidency of the United States in 1940, the beginning of the next twenty year period, will die in office, it is nevertheless calculated to arouse a bit of curiosity in the minds of many regarding the President elected at that time, not to the extent, however, as to cause a dearth of candidates for the presidential chair.

HONOR DR. MATTHEW ANDERSON.

April 17th Memorial services were held in Philadelphia for the late Dr. Matthew Anderson, founder of the Berean institutions of that city—the Berean church, the Berean school and the Berean Building & Loan Association. Mr. Arthur Huff Fauset presided. Among those who met to do honor to the lamented founder were Dr. John R. Logan, Attorney Raymond P. Alexander, Rev. Robt. S. Jackson, Dr. John Grant Newman, Dr. H. K. Heebner, Mrs. G. E. Dickerson, Dr. Walter B. Greenway, Miss H. Frances Jones, Dr. N. F. Mossell, Dr. Edward Yates Hill, and Dr. John W. Lee.

This week the Alpha Phi Alpha College fraternity is conducting its annual Go-to-High-School-Go-to-College Campaign throughout the country. In furtherance of this movement, the fraternity chapter of Johnson C. Smith University will render an educational program Sunday evening at Seventh Street Presbyterian church.

Commissioners and others interested should read carefully Dr. I. H. Russell's letter in regard to transportation to the General Assembly and act promptly.

NOTICE.

Catawba Presbyterial will convene in Seventh Street Presbyterian church, Charlotte, N. C., 8:00 P. M., May 10th, 1928. All persons planning to attend this meeting will please notify Mrs. Z. Alexander, 415 E. Stone-wall Street, Charlotte.

A WORTHY RECOGNITION

AN ADDRESS BY DR. H. B. TAYLOR PUT IN THE CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

The insertion in the Congressional Record of an address made by the Rev. Halley B. Taylor, D. D., an alumnus of Johnson C. Smith University, and pastor of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church, Washington, D. C., at the funeral of Aaron Russell, who had been an employee of the House of Representatives for 58 years, was a signal recognition of the merits of the address which was couched in choice English and peculiarly fitted to the occasion. The address which follows speaks for itself:

Dr. Taylor's Address
"When Joseph had caused his father, Jacob, to be brought down into the land of Egypt during the days of the great famine, recorded in the Book of Genesis, he led him into the presence of the then-reigning Pharaoh in order that the father might meet the monarch in whose sight he had found so great favor, and that the monarch might behold the father whose offspring had saved from death both himself and his people.

"While they thus confronted each other Pharaoh, manifesting a kindly interest in the old man before him, asked the friendly question, 'How old art thou?' And the patriarch, mindful of the everlasting covenant made by the Almighty with Abraham, Isaac and himself, made answer in these significant words, 'The days of the years of my pilgrimage are an hundred and thirty years.' Jacob, in thus replying, enunciated a hope that is easily understood by us, but the universal applicability of the truth inferred too often escapes our serious consideration because of the insistent character of the demands made upon us by the conditions of modern life.

"In speaking of the days of pilgrimage he acknowledged himself a pilgrim. For 180 years he had been journeying. Changing times and scenes and conditions had convinced him that he had not permanent dwelling place. He saw himself a traveling stranger with no hope of perfect rest until he had at last entered the blessed confines of the Land of Promise.

"We, like Jacob, should bear in mind that we, one and all, are but pilgrims; that we have here no continuing city and that each dawning day finds us still strangers, ever passing through the world, revealing our real spiritual worth to our fellow travelers by our responses to the things that touch our lives and by our constant endeavor to bring forth as realities the dreams that stir our souls.

"Thought of, then, in the light of the foregoing facts, what manner of man was this our departed brother, Aaron Russell, whose still form before us proclaims the end of his pilgrimage?

"Mr. Aaron Russell during the days of his pilgrimage saw the coming and going of 87 years. For 67 years he was cheered on the way by the wife of his youth, who less than four months ago preceded him to the better world. To-day their children, responsible and respected members of society, unitedly lift their voices in grateful praise to him because of unflinching faithfulness to his family. Men covet the plaudits of the multitude, the encomiums of the eloquent, and the distinguished marks of honor received at the hands of the mighty; but we believe that in the light of truth all such testimonials pale into insignificance when compared with the simple tribute, flowing from the hearts and lips of sons and daughters, testifying to the faithfulness of a parent who dealt kindly and lovingly with those in his power within the sacred precincts of his home, away from the sight of men.

"These children reverently pay such a tribute to their father, and we would urge you who hear, that as pilgrims you seek to cultivate the confidence and love of those nearest you in order that they may sing your praises when your day is done,

even as these find pleasure in declaring the fidelity of their father, our brother, to his family.

"Through another set of actions we get a glimpse of the real Aaron Russell and realize that to a most remarkable degree he was generous to his friends. There is a studied and ostentatious generosity often shown by men who evidently intend that it shall inure to their immediate benefit or serve to facilitate the progress of their plans in the near future; but, in the generosity of our departed brother, no such ends could have been had in mind. While yet of a sound and alert mind, he called his son and ordered the production and destruction of all his personal papers that had to do with the material indebtedness of his friends to him in order that discomfiture might not befall them because of his departure. Certainly this was a most remarkable demonstration of unalloyed generosity. As a pilgrim he set the example that teaches that in passing on our way we should strew the pathway over which our fellows must follow with the gladness of flowers of kindness instead of the pricking thorns of anguish. His decision harmonized with the petition, 'Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.'

"By the hasty judgment of casual friends Aaron Russell was characterized as pugnacious, but to the eyes of sympathetic friends his so-called pugnacity stood discovered as a fixed principle to stand firmly by his honest convictions. What seemed to have been a fault we must regard as a virtue. Instead of condemning him for his obstinacy we should pray God that all of us might be more determined to stand stubbornly by our heart's convictions, yielding only to the clear voices of reason, justice, and truth.

"If Americans would stand firmly by their convictions as to the undeniable meaning of our Constitution for which these Stars and Stripes stand instead of the existing turmoil, misery, and woe which afflict our land, we should see our country converted into a veritable paradise within the space of a year. May we so live that men may say of each of us that during the days of our pilgrimage we were ever willing to go down with the things in which we believed. We should praise our brother for his positive teaching of so salutary a lesson.

"How did this pilgrim respond to the call to cooperate in rendering service with and for his fellowmen?

"We are informed in the brief sketch of his life, as just read, that he entered the service of our Government in 1861, and that he served continuously, faithfully, and efficiently until his retirement a very short time ago. The very fact that he rendered cheerful service for three score years without noteworthy advancement or hope of significant promotion reveals him as a man of rare parts. To look for a generation upon the procession of men moving from stations of inferiority to stations of superiority, and frequently helping them from posts below to posts above him, and to realize that the accident of color was the effective barrier against his own advancement, notwithstanding his merit and efficiency, and continue to render cheerful service, must convince us that this man was a prince in the midst of his nominal superiors if patient endurance be counted a virtue.

"In our scramble to pay homage to men made great by men we often thoughtlessly trample upon men made great by God. I personally believe that there is not a village or hamlet that has not this year laid away among its dead a man who, according to his real merit in the sight of God, was worth more than the most widely known political potentate in our public life. So do we believe that this pilgrim was

one of nature's noblemen and that in enduring patiently and loyally such conditions as would have provoked others to rebellion he evinced a spirit that well might rebuke the impatient, and ennoble, through genuine humility, the proud.

"The most important thing that we can say on this occasion with reference to pilgrim Aaron Russell is that, like Jacob of old, he knew the God of his fathers and for nearly 50 years tried to follow His Son Jesus Christ. For nearly a half century he was a member of the Fifteenth Street Presbyterian church and for many years served efficiently in official capacity. Because of physical disabilities he had not been able to take an active part in the work of the church since my arrival upon the field, but his abiding interest in the church and its affairs manifested itself upon our meeting together in his home. Here in his room we have often lifted up our voices together in prayer. When his weakened physical condition compelled him to deny himself the company of his friends, upon the advice of his physician, he had it distinctly understood that the restriction must not apply to his minister.

"How unwise we should be to proceed farther with breathless uncertainty on our journey, to go gropingly into the midst of the imminent dangers that each new hour disposes about our pathway; to risk plunging into the chasm of unutterable disaster along the brink of which we ignorantly walk; to jeopardize, by an ill-timed step, both our temporal well-being and our eternal happiness, when stretched out toward us is the hand of the infinite God who guarantees us safe conduct if we are but willing to acknowledge our own need and accept His proffered aid. May we wisely own that we are pilgrims, and trust in the guidance of Him who sent us forth upon our journey and who will lead us safely through life, through death and into the land of promise without the loss of a single faithful follower.

"His pilgrimage is over. He was faithful to his family; generous in dealing with his friends; firm in his convictions; faithful and patient in his duties; and loyal to his church and to the cause of his Lord, the Christ. Our pilgrimage is yet to end. May we bless our fellow men through following our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and enter at last into our eternal home, the fatherland of our souls."

TRIBUTE TO REV. FULLER.

Rev. L. H. Fuller, our beloved shepherd and pastor, who had been with us so many years, departed this life, April 17. He was an honorable, worthwhile Christian gentleman. It will be hard to fill his place. He was loved by the community. Our hearts are in deep grief over the loss of our esteemed pastor. No one knows the silent heartaches; only those who have lost can tell of the grief that is borne in silence for the one we loved so well. We shall long remember him for the work he did.

MRS. MAGGIE McLEAN.

First Presbyterian church, Vineland, N. C.

LUCIUS B. COOPER.

We have received a copy of the program of the closing exercises of the Lodabar Union School at New Zion, S. C., Prof. Lucius B. Cooper, Principal. The exercises ran through three days—April 15, 16 and 17—and provided both indoor and outdoor features. The annual sermon was preached by the Rev. J. B. Brogdon, of Manning, and the annual literary address was delivered by Rev. W. F. Bruton, of Winnsboro. Prof. Cooper is well remembered for his various activities while a student at Johnson C. Smith University. He is a veteran of the Spanish-American War and saw service in the Philippine Islands. He takes great pride in this fact. We are therefore especially interested to note that one of the attractions listed in the closing exercises of his school was an "outdoor military show."

REV. J. P. FOSTER RESIGNS.

The affairs of Sumter Second Presbyterian church have about reached the point of a complete adjustment. Because of the dissatisfaction which arose between the congregation and the pastor, Rev. J. P. Foster tendered his resignation to the Presbytery of Fairfield at its meeting in Winnsboro, S. C., March 28th, 1928. The official dissolution services of the pastor's and church's relationship was held in Sumter Second Presbyterian church on Sunday A. M., April 15th, despite the inclement weather.

The committee appointed by the Presbytery to conduct these services was on hand at the appointed hour. The committee was composed of three very efficient ministers, namely, Drs. I. D. Davis, G. W. Long and G. T. Dillard. On account of other pressing ecclesiastical business Dr. Dillard was not present.

After the usual preliminary service Dr. Long took his text which was found in the 14th chapter and the 13th verse of Exodus, "And the Lord said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel that they go forward." He preached a very instructive and uplifting sermon.

Our pulpit having been declared vacant, the elders, under the direction of Presbytery, have begun to look for a pastor. Realizing the importance of the work, we, the elders of this church, are begging God for His guidance and asking all connected therewith to continue to pray with us that we may be successful in getting the right man for the work. We are ready to march to the command of the text, "Go forward."

A. R. DONNELLY,
Clerk of Session.

Sumter, S. C.

CHICAGO ALUMNI CHAPTER HOLDS MONTHLY MEETING.

The monthly meeting of the local chapter of Alumni and former students of Johnson C. Smith (formerly Bidde) University met, April 15th, at the residence of the Rev. O. W. Wingfield, 4600 Vincennes Ave. The chapter concerned itself with some vital issues pertaining to the welfare and uplift of its members and the furtherance of its Alma Mater. Dr. L. A. Haywood, successful dentist here in Chicago, and Attorney L. H. Brewer, of Gary, Indiana, connected with the chapter at this meeting. These are staunch and successful Alumni and the chapter is further prestiged by their presence. They both expressed the satisfaction that is theirs in uniting with the boys of this group.

After the completion of the routine business of the chapter's docket for the evening, the chapter was delightfully entertained in the serving of delicious cakes and punch by Mrs. Wingfield and sister, Miss Walls. Prof. Liston expressed in beautiful words, on behalf of the members of the chapter, appreciation to Rev. and Mrs. Wingfield and sister for the fine hospitality and enjoyable evening at their home.

Visitors present were Prof. Sims of the city, and Mr. Lindsay, of Jamaica, W. I. These gentlemen were accorded seats as corresponding members and gave very fine remarks to the body. Rev. Mr. Prince, President and founder, expressed very happily the great spirit possessing the motives and actions of the chapter and the great opportunity for the accomplishment of constructive deeds for the chapter. The chapter adjourned with prayer by its chaplain, Rev. A. E. Sephas, to meet May 20th, at the residence of the Vice-President, Dr. Harold S. Partee.

The chapter is still anxious to have all alumni and former students in Chicago or vicinity to ally themselves with this organization, and those who are planning to visit the city should make it known by dropping the Secretary, Dr. Joseph M. Moore, 4703 Indiana Avenue, a card, that you may be welcomed.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, U. S. A.

Tulsa, Okla., May 24, 1928.

Commissioners to the General Assembly, Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Dear brethren: Knowing that you will no doubt attend the above General Assembly and that you will want the very best conveniences and accommodations on the trip, and that we will all have better service and a better trip by going in a body to this Assembly, I am writing to ask you to accept the invitation of the Southern Railway and the Frisco Lines, which have agreed to give us a through sleeping car from Charlotte, leaving on Southern Railway train No. 85 at 10:30 P. M., May 19, arriving Atlanta at 5:20 A. M., May 20; leaving Atlanta at 7:10 A. M., May 20, arriving Birmingham 12:10 P. M., Southern Railway; leaving Birmingham 12:30 P. M., via Frisco Lines, and arriving at Tulsa at 1:50 P. M., May 21.

Parties leaving Raleigh at 3:30 P. M., and Durham at 4:20 P. M., will arrive at Greensboro at 6:20 P. M., connecting there with train No. 85, which will pick up the sleeper at Charlotte. Delegates from Virginia can board the train at Danville at 6:00 P. M., and delegates from Greensboro can board the train at Greensboro at 7:22 P. M.

This route gives us the very best possible way to go to Tulsa, and the very best of trains, and this through sleeping car will run from Charlotte to Tulsa without change of cars. As you know it will be necessary for us all to travel together in order to get this through sleeping car. The Pullman fare for lower berth from Charlotte through to Tulsa will be \$13.50; upper, \$10.80, and two people can occupy either of the berths for the price of one. I will be very glad indeed if you will advise Mr. H. Graham, Division Passenger Agent of the Southern Railway, 237 West Trade St., Charlotte, N. C., what Pullman reservations will be desired, bearing in mind that this must be done promptly so that Mr. Graham will have sufficient time to order the Pullman car and get it to Charlotte for our accommodation.

Yours very truly,
I. H. RUSSELL,
Durham, N. C., April 21.

NOTICE—CATAWBA PRESBYTERIAL.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Catawba Presbyterial Society it was decided to hold the Annual meeting at Seventh St. church, Charlotte, May 10th and 11th, 1928.

The meeting will be opened at 8 o'clock, Thursday night, and will close Friday afternoon.

Two reasons are given for the change. First, Catawba Presbyterial is the only one holding its Annual Meeting in the Summer, when it is impossible to have anyone from the Woman's Board to meet with it.

Just at this period of our development into a stronger and more efficient organization, it will be very helpful for us to have close personal contact, at least once a year, with some member of the Woman's Board. Miss Barr, whom we all know, is to be with us in our meeting this Spring. She will also visit churches in different parts of our Presbytery, so as to meet interested groups of our people.

The second reason is: some think that a presentation of the year's work to the members of the Presbyterial Society, as a unit, at the beginning of the fiscal year, will be an improvement upon our former method. We are asking the full support and co-operation of each and every society in Catawba Presbyterial in this forward movement in our work.

Any further information concerning this change may be obtained from the President or Corresponding Secretary, MRS. M. G. DAVIS, President, MRS. P. W. RUSSELL, Cor. Sec.