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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii, 35.

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GEORGIA LETTER

By Rev. A. B. McCoy, D. D.

The Program Committee of the Synodical Conventions and Schools of Methods have met and programs worked out with faculty and speaker assignments. It is agreed that this is the best program we have had yet. There will be some new features among which will be a Boys' Camp, under the supervision of Rev. A. H. George, of Wilson.

These conventions' success is measured by one or two simple things: First, the type of delegates. The delegation should be made up of persons who show an interest in and anxiety for a special kind of service in the local church and its departments. Second, the spirit of the conventions must be kept up to par. Good feeling in class room discussions, on the athletic fields, in the social rooms, etc. Third, a sense of responsibility must rest on each delegate and not the official staff alone—responsibility in behalf of the comforts, well-being and good name of each and the institution that so kindly opens its doors. Fourth, all bills of the conventions should be paid. The conventions should be self-supporting. All conventions reached that point last year. Fifth, the capacity of the institutions where we meet should be filled. There should be no room left.

These five general points could be broken up into smaller groups, but if these five points are covered, our conventions are a success. They were covered last year in the "nth" degree.

We meet this year at: Valiant, Okla., July 28-Aug. 3, Elliott Academy, Rev. J. D. Stanback, Principal.

Anniston, Alabama, Barber College, August 6-12, Rev. Jno. F. Scherer, D. D., President.

Augusta, Ga., Haines Institute, August 13-19, Miss Lucy C. Laney, Principal.

Oxford, N. C., Mary Potter Memorial School, August 20-26, Rev. G. C. Shaw, Principal.

Every effort is being put forth to make our Children's Day larger this year than ever. There are two reasons for this day: First, it is or should be informing. Material is put in the hands of the young people on missions, a subject that is needed to be studied in our churches and Sabbath schools. This literature is absolutely free. Then, again, the big opportunity to give our means to the mission work of the Church offers a real chance for service. Every cent raised that day goes for salaries, rents, postage or upkeep.

It has been agreed to allow the churches to put the Children's Day offering on the Benevolence quota. That is, if your quota for 1928-1929 is \$100, more or less, and you send to the Board a Children's Day offering of \$25, more or less, you are permitted to deduct this from the \$100 or whatever the amount of your benevolence quota. If you have not ordered your supply of free Children's Day literature you should do it now.

We have the biggest D. V. B. S. Campaign on this year that we have ever had. You can help our Sunday school force by rallying to their call. This, after all, is the task of the local church and no church should wait for the Sunday school missionary to come over and "set it up" or wait for the "Board" to send us a helper. The Board does not send out any helpers. For the past few years the Board (S. S. Department) has offered to aid young women in their traveling expenses if they

would agree to give from one to five weeks volunteer, free service in this work, providing they were students. Over twenty of the finest type of young women volunteered their services last year in three of our Synods. Let's go for this year!

And Mrs. Larimer, the beloved woman of our Pittsburgh office, retires June 1st, 1928. She has wrought well. May her future be spread with joys of comforts and glorious memories of those she served and who loved and still love her for her sympathetic attitude, her sincerity of purpose, her consecrated and encouraging touch, her genuine optimism and her noble exhibition of what a real woman should be. We shall always remember her as the epitome of culture and refinement, with a dignified, Christian bearing, enfolded in an everlasting smile which made every one feel that it was a real benediction to be in her presence. God bless her and may she live long to see the continued growth of the work in which she served so nobly.

Africa again comes to the front. A conference on African missions will be held in Congo, West Africa, in September, this year. The Foreign Board has selected two Negro representatives to attend this conference. These representatives will not only attend the Congo conference but will be expected to visit our mission station at Cameroun, the only point where our Church has any mission work in Africa and the point where our recent appointee, Mr. Underhill, will work.

The two Negro delegates appointed are Rev. J. W. Holley, D. D., LL. D., Stated Clerk of Knox Presbytery, President of Georgia State Normal School, and Stated Supply of Moore's Chapel, Albany, Ga. Hon. Chas. W. Williams, an elder in our church in Boston, Mass., and clerk of the City Juvenile court, of Boston, with the duties of Judge of said court, is the other representative.

The Rev. J. T. Colbert, D. D., pastor of Grace Presbyterian church, Baltimore, Md., has been appointed alternate. This is a fine opening for our Church; it gives us a chance to learn in a first-hand way of the great work that is being done in the Foreign field.

Where is Uncle Billy? We miss him. Atlanta, Ga.

NORTH CAROLINA CHURCH HAS RAISED ITS FULL QUOTA FOR 1928-'29.

To the Ministry and members within the bounds of the Atlantic, Canadian, Catawba and East Tennessee Synods:

Dear Fellow-Workers: You will be interested to know that Shady Grove church, near Carthage, N. C., has already paid its full benevolence quota for this (1928-'29) Church year. Brother Boykin, the pastor, is all smiles over this fine accomplishment, and I am sure that all of us wish to give him and his good people "the glad hand."

Is not this a splendid challenge to the other churches of Yadkin Presbytery, of which Shady Grove is a member, as also to the churches in every Presbytery, to begin now to rally for the quotas assigned, so as to forestall shortages at the close of the Church year?

We have not heard of another church having paid up. Shady

Grove seems to be at the head of the list and to lead the whole Church, as far as our information goes. She will feel lonesome unless some other church of our group joins her soon. Please start early and make the rush.

The Editors of the Africo have been very gracious in featuring the "Honor Roll," even keeping it going more than a month after the close of the 1927-'28 Church year. Now Shady Grove has started it off anew for the current year. Let us make it grow. Change the form, if you wish, but let us keep up the spirit.

While the General Assembly legislates and accepts world-mission responsibilities, let us strengthen the hands of our Boards, the Assembly's active agents. We have been informed that the Board of National Missions was the only one that received more funds last Church year than it did the year previous; the others received less. We hope there is no deficit in the accounts of either Board. Let us labor, as never before, this year to make any deficit impossible for any of our Boards.

Faithfully yours,
C. J. BAKER,
District Secretary.

36 SUNDAY SCHOOLS ADD 250 NEW PUPILS IN CATAWBA CAMPAIGN.

Frank C. Shirley

Thus far the Catawba membership drive has been a failure—and yet a success.

We have failed in that we have been able to interest only 36 out of the 178 schools in the Synod. And still we have written every pastor and Sunday School Superintendent enclosing printed form and stamped envelop for return. Some have been written as many as three times and have not made their first response yet. However we will not give them up until the campaign is over; so they may look out for even more mail.

The effort, however, has not been all failure; looking at the situation from one point of view it has been quite a success. The accomplishment of the 36 schools is typical of what can be done through systematic and united effort. It was our contention at the outset that we could reach the goal desired if we could get the united backing of all the schools. We still hold to that position and think the record of the 36 schools vindicates us in our stand.

The following additions will indicate the interest that is being manifested by some of the schools that are active in the campaign; others will be cited in a later article: The First church of Richmond, 20; Grace, Winston-Salem, 16; White Rock, Kinston, 16; Dulatown, Lenoir, 18; Chestnut Street, Wilmington, 10; Huntersville, 15; Bethany, Norfolk, 7; Tradd Street, Statesville, 7; Groveland, Durham, 5; Mebane Second, Mebane, 8; Hare's Chapel, Pendleton, 3; Murkland, Matthews, R. F. D., 3; Schools in Charlotte—Brooklyn, 15; Seventh Street, 18; Brandon, 8; Church Street, 5; Fifth Avenue, Roanoke, 15.

It will be noted that we have listed above all types of schools, from the largest to the smallest, both rural and urban, schools in communities thickly settled and in those sparsely settled. This is as it should be. No school should hold back because it cannot make as large a contribution as some other schools more favorably situated. We are anxious to see every church work its territory to its utmost. So again we appeal to the pastors and superintendents who have not yet entered the campaign to do

so in these closing weeks. We certainly ought to reach the 500 mark by Children's Day.

May I say, in closing, that my leave of absence is nearly over—just five more weeks and I hope to be headed toward the "Old North State" again to take up where I left off last September. When I get back we will be already in the midst of the summer activities, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Conventions and Schools of Methods; so that means starting right out on the roads as usual. Am looking forward with great anticipations.

ROCKY MT., N. C.
M. E. Hines, Reporter.

Mr. James Whitehead, student of Union University, spent the week-end visiting relatives on Atlantic Ave.

Mr. Henry Dixon, Misses M. Gore, I. Wood, L. Wood, Messrs. A. L. Pridgen and A. Newby motored to Elizabeth City last Sunday. While there they were the guests of Prof. P. W. Moore.

Dr. and Mrs. R. T. Winstead motored to Oxford last Sunday. Dr. E. W. Fisher, of Wilson, spent a few hours in the city last Wednesday.

Prof. C. G. O'Kelly, of Durham, spent a short while in the city last Saturday.

Rev. E. Lucas motored to Greensboro last Sunday to bring back his wife who was delegate to the State meeting of the Women's Federation of Clubs.

Misses Ethel Alexander, Lullie Slade of Williamston; Laura Coby, Lillian Stanback, of Coates, and Mr. D. Gray were guests of Miss Katie Dunn on W. Thomas Street last Sunday.

Among those who attended the annual picnic at Smithfield last Monday were: Mr. Frank Horne, Mesdames Mattie Mayo, Major Williams, Sidney Branch, Iva Barnhill, Misses Annie Frizzell, Virginia Bryant, Pearl Alston, Geneva Battle, Messrs. A. B. Hatfield, Thomas Edwards, James Wiggins, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Dancy, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Saunders, Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Moseley and Mr. Frank Corbett.

Mr. A. L. Pridgen left last Monday night for Washington, D. C.

Misses Katherine and Nell Pittman, Golda Dixon, Messrs. R. J. Johnson and Albert Newby motored to Franklinton last Thursday to see Miss Dixon's mother.

Mr. Richard Swador spent last week-end in Norfolk, Va.

Dr. L. P. Armstrong and Mr. A. T. Spicer made a business trip to Goldsboro last Tuesday.

Mrs. S. C. Baskerville was called to Goldsboro last Sunday on account of the sudden illness of her sister, Mrs. Annie Whitley.

Miss Lillian Yergins has returned to her home in Raleigh. While here Miss Yergins was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Carrie Rawlins, on Atlantic Ave.

Misses L. M. Armstrong and K. C. Pittman, and Mr. Lawrence Penny motored to Raleigh last Monday.

Professors G. W. Bryant and W. S. Etheridge, of Windsor, were visitors in the city last week.

Mrs. Mabel Robinson, of Bricks, spent last Friday in Wilson.

Miss Violet Hart, of Tarboro, spent a few hours in the city last Thursday.

Miss Ruth Edwards spent last Friday in the city on business.

Mr. R. N. Harris and Mr. L. W. Willhite, of Durham, were in the city last week on business.

Mr. Edward Reynolds, formerly of Suffolk, Va., has been

appointed special agent at Rocky Mount District Office for the Eagle Life Insurance Company of Raleigh.

Prof. J. D. Reid and Mr. William Pearce, of Wilson, were in the city for a few hours last Saturday.

Misses Z. O. Gillespie, of Danville, Va., and Ethel Herring, of Wilmington, were pleasant visitors in the city last week.

Mrs. P. W. Burnett left last Thursday night for her home in Macon, Ga.

Mesdames L. L. Cooper and James Hopkins motored to Zebulon last Tuesday.

Miss Golda Dixon left Sunday night for Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. Joseph Bullock, of Tarboro, was in the city on business last week.

A musical program given by one of the clubs of Mt. Pisgah Presbyterian church for the benefit of the Building Fund last Sunday, May 6th was very interesting and enjoyable. Prof. O. R. Pope gave an interesting talk on music appreciation. Solos and musical selections by local talent were in keeping with the National Music Week.

A banquet given by the Junior class in honor of the Senior class at the B. T. W. High School last Friday evening, May 11th, was very much enjoyed. The program, decorations and the method in which the entire affair was conducted reflected much credit to the faculty and class. Dean Holloway, of Brick Junior College, gave a very interesting address. Refreshments and decorations of red and white (Junior class colors) were carried out effectively.

The Mary B. Talbert Federation Club met with Mrs. B. F. Rawlins on Atlantic Avenue last Thursday evening. After adopting a very interesting and inspiring report given by the delegate from the State meeting, the following officers were elected: Mrs. J. S. Brown, President; Mrs. Lula Lucas, 1st. Vice-President; Mrs. J. W. May, 2nd Vice-President; Mrs. Lillie Smith, Secretary; Mrs. A. B. Byrd, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. J. W. Parker, Mrs. B. F. Rawlins, Corresponding Secretaries; Miss Mae Estelle Hines, Treasurer.

A COLLEGE GIRL'S IDEAL FOR HER CAMPUS.

By Mary E. Martin.

(The author is a member of the class of 1931, of Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, N. C.—Editor.)

I have an ideal for the campus of Bennett College for Women. My conception would have it a place where there is always a breath of freedom in the air; where a sound and various learning is taught heartily without show or pretense.

There are reasons why the campus may become what I wish it to be. First, the life and teachings of Christ furnish forth the ideal of right and true womanhood. Second, all classes, conditions, and beliefs are welcome and students may rise by earnest striving, hard work and merit. Third, it is a place where wealth is no honor and poverty no shame; where honorable labor, even labor of the hands, is glorified by high purpose and strenuous desire for a clearer and larger view.

On the campus there is also a will to serve all the high ends of students who are struggling to use the opportunity of getting an education.

I feel that we are being taught to observe closely, to imagine vividly, to reason accurately, and to have about us some humility and some toleration. Truth shining patiently like a star, on the campus of dear Old Bennett, bids us advance and we will not turn aside.

OUT OF THE JUNGLE—STRAIGHT ON

I shall speak less than five minutes. I have one thing to say. I challenge any and every enemy of prohibition to name one restrictive liquor law anywhere of any time which the liquor forces have obeyed. We have tried out every milder restriction, every weaker device. We had a law that liquor must not be sold to known drunkards. Was that law obeyed? It was not. We tried to protect our youth by forbidding the sale of liquor to minors. Did the saloons obey that? They did not. We prohibited the sale of liquor on election days, and Sundays and after eleven o'clock at night. Were any of these laws obeyed? They were not. The people by overwhelming majorities voted their own States dry or their counties or townships or wards. Did the liquor forces ever respect the will of the people in such cases? Never. They poured in the liquor by every bootlegging device in spite of honest police or with the connivance of bought police, and then sought to break down the restrictive law by the lying claim that they sold more liquor in dry territory than when they had open saloons. Who in the face of a hundred years of such law defiance can believe that retreat from prohibition to some milder law will give us a law that the liquor forces will obey? They say that a law which is generally disobeyed breeds disrespect for law and should be abolished. According to that we can maintain respect for law in America only by abolishing every law against liquor and so let the gray wolves have their way with our children. This is my challenge. I make it to the weak-minded dry who has crumpled down under wet propaganda. I make it to any educator who thinks it statesmanlike to teach disobedience to laws of which he does not approve. I make it to any statesman who has sworn to support the Constitution and habitually violates his oath. I ask you, any of you, to tell us what law the liquor forces have ever obeyed and will not fight brazenly as they now fight the Constitution of the United States. If we cannot be shown a better battle line than we have now we are going to fight here.

In July of 1898 our Regulars and our Rough Riders fought their way through the Cuban Jungle and then up the hills that overlook Santiago. As General Wheeler, once a Confederate soldier, but now a soldier of the United States, and Colonel Roosevelt stood there among the survivors of the desperate fight there came a rumor that some one at headquarters far back on the safe side of the Jungle would order a retreat. If the rumor were true the blood bought hill was to be given up. Then Joe Wheeler and Teddy Roosevelt looked into each other's eyes and said: We are not going back into that Jungle. We are going to Santiago.

My friends, we have fought our way for a hundred years through the liquor jungle against foes whose never-changing policy has been defiance of every law made for their control. We have fought our way up the hill and now stand entrenched in the impregnable Constitution. We are not going to retreat. We are not going back into the Jungle. We are going to march straight forward.

WILLIAM LOWE BRYAN,
Bloomington, Ind.

Success has a way of remembering those who stood by their principles.