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**THURSDAY, MAY 17, 1928.**

**A NEGRO EVANGELIST IN NINGPO, CHINA.**

Some of the Boards of Foreign Missions hitherto have questioned the advisability of sending colored missionaries to foreign fields. We have always contended that men and women of the Negro race with adequate preparation and with proper support can render efficient and effective service as foreign missionaries, especially in Africa. We have been strengthened in this belief by the splendid service rendered by Dr. Sheppard, Max Yergen, and other colored men and women as foreign missionaries.

Mrs. Frank R. Millican, a Presbyterian missionary in Ningpo, China, in a letter to the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., writes as follows of a Negro evangelist in that city:

"We are having very wonderful revival meetings in the city. Our church is packed every meeting. Our evangelist is an American Negro who was invited here by the Chinese church. In Nanking, where he held meetings before he came here, there were over a thousand who found Christ for the first time, or who found their way back to Him. They say the city has never had such blessings as it has had in the last few weeks. Soldiers and army officers are among those who gave themselves to Christ. Though not an educated man, the evangelist seems to have appealed as well to the college students.

"I am very sure that we have never had so much interest shown in our meetings before. It may be that he is sent to us for just such a time as this."

**THE ZION METHODIST CONFERENCE.**

News from the General Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church indicates the election of Dr. F. M. Jacobs and Dr. W. W. Matthews to the bench of bishops. Dr. Jacobs had served the Church for a number of years as General Secretary and Dr. Matthews as Missionary Secretary. Among general officers, Prof. J. Wells Young, of Greenville, Tenn., was re-elected Secretary of Education and Dr. W. H. Davenport and Dr. J. Francis Lee, of Charlotte, were re-elected editor of The Star of Zion and editor of the Sunday School Literature, respectively. The Church Publication House, in this city, which has been under the management of Dr. S. D. Watkins, for the past eight years, will have a new manager, Mr. R. W. Sherrill.

**THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**  
With the meeting of the General Assembly at Tulsa, Okla., just a week away, there is lively speculation as to who the Moderator will be. Among those mentioned for the honor are Dr. Cleland B. McAfee, of Chicago; Elder J. Willison Smith, of Philadelphia; Dr. J. Ambrose Dunkel, of Indianapolis, and Dr. Hugh K. Walker, of Los Angeles.

**CATAWBA SYNODICAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE.**

To the pastors, superintendents, and Sunday school workers of Catawba Synod:

We are in the midst of a campaign for 1,000 new members in the Sunday schools of our Synod. This is a progressive movement; it is most worthy and should meet the approval of every worker in the Synod.

Rev. F. C. Shirley, Dean of our School of Methods, has secured a pledge of support from the Superintendents. The drive was launched on Easter Sunday to be followed up with an intensive effort until Children's Day.

Our goal, 1,000 new members, is a worthy one and we are expecting every Sunday school in the Synod to cooperate. Let us use every means possible to reach this goal.

Helpful suggestions can be obtained from Dr. A. B. McCoy, Dean F. C. Shirley or any one of our Sunday school missionaries. By consulting the 1928 catalogue of Sunday School and Church Supplies, pages 2 and 3, you will find several splendid suggestions which might be used in almost any school. Let us so run that we may obtain.

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Concord, N. C.

**NEGRO YOUTH WINS NATIONAL COMPETITION.**

**Takes First Prize in Interracial Commission's "Tenth Man" Contest.**

Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—Freeman Ledbetter, student in the high school department of the colored A. & T. College, Greensboro, N. C., has just been awarded first prize in the "Tenth Man" theme contest conducted by the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, which was open to all high school students in the United States. A check for fifty dollars, the amount of the prize, has been forwarded to Dr. F. D. Bluford, President of the College, for presentation to Mr. Ledbetter.

The second prize of thirty dollars was awarded to Ernest Paschal, of Cleburne High School, Cleburne, Texas; and the third prize, twenty dollars, to Miss Peggy Williams, of Crystal Springs High School, Crystal Springs, Miss.

Hundreds of papers dealing with the contribution made to American History by "America's Tenth Man," were submitted from a great number of schools scattered over twenty-three States, entailing upon the judges a long and difficult task. Most of the papers were of a high order and the promoters of the contest express themselves as greatly pleased with the result. It is probable, they announce, that a similar competition on a larger scale will be conducted next year.

**DR. ANDERSON TO PREACH AT COULTER.**

Dr. F. J. Anderson, of Johnson C. Smith University, has accepted the invitation to deliver the annual sermon at Coulter Academy, Cheraw, S. C., May 27th.

Durham recently set a precedent in race relations by a public testimonial to the long and meritorious service in the community of Prof. William G. Pearson, colored educator, philanthropist, and business leader. An interracial mass meeting was held under the auspices of a committee appointed by the Mayor, at which the Secretary of Duke University presented to Prof. Pearson a handsome cup.

**COULTER ACADEMY GIRLS' QUARTETTE IN RECITAL AT LEBANON CHURCH, RIDGEWAY, S. C.**

An occasion extraordinary was the appearance at Lebanon Presbyterian church, Friday night, May 11, of the Girls' Quartette of Coulter Memorial Academy, Cheraw, S. C.

Accompanied by their trainer, Miss Naomi Williams, musical directress of the Academy, who proved herself a most capable and acceptable accompanist, this group of young ladies rendered a program of exceptionally high order which more than delighted the mixed audience which heard them.

With their melodious voices, expertly controlled, and their well nigh perfect blending of their various parts, the singers held the audience enraptured for an hour and a half which seemed to elapse in less than one third of that time. This was the first appearance of the Coulter singers in Ridgeway but if the eager wishes of those who heard them here are realized, it was the beginning of a series of appearances.

The program was well balanced, and at no time monotonous. It was composed of spirituals, folk songs and popular songs, tastefully selected and distributed, supplemented with a humorous reading, "The Party," by Dunbar, which was most pleasingly rendered by Miss Annie Gillespie.

Each singer is an artist in her especial role, and the numbers were so well rendered as to make it most difficult to choose the ones most favored. One conspicuous number, however, was a solo, "Daddy's Sweetheart," by Miss Flossie Hemphill. This young lady is a singer of rare ability. Possessing a voice of fine quality and well controlled, together with a very pleasing personality, she throws herself into her singing in such a manner as to set forth both these qualities to the best advantage.

Conspicuous also among the singers was Miss Annie Gillespie, altoist. This cunning little girl, with her winning smile, possessed a voice with a phenomenal range which she handles in such a manner as to clearly establish herself as a vocal prodigy.

The fact that these girls, so young both in age and experience, are capable of rendering such finished programs bespeaks much credit to Miss Williams, their trainer. Miss Williams is a charming young woman, of Anniston, Ala., graduate of Barber Woman's College, teacher of English and musical directress of Coulter Academy, where she is just completing her first term. That she should be able in the brief time in which she has labored there to develop the quartette to the stage which it has reached, entitles her to be classed as nothing short of a genius.

Among the numbers composing the program were: "When Cupid Makes Love To The Moon," "Miss Mary's Eyes," "Honeytown," "Malinda Lou," "Old Black Joe," "The Brewer's Big Horses," "Father, Prepare Me," "Heaven," "True Religion," "Train Song," and "My Lord's Goin' To Move This Wicked Race."

Accompanying the young ladies to Ridgeway was Dr. G. W. Long, Principal of Coulter Academy and member of the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., who presented the singers to the audience. In his remarks, Dr. Long mentioned the fact that the quartette is to travel during the summer under the auspices of the General Council, and will sing at the various summer conferences of the Church in distant sections of the country, being the first Negro singers to whom this honor has been accorded.

Dr. H. L. McCroy will go to Raleigh Saturday to attend a meeting of the officers of the North Carolina Teachers' Association. Dr. McCroy is Treasurer of the Association.

**THE COMING OUT OF "THE BULL"**

Johnson C. Smith University's first Annual, "The Bull," is just off the press and is now ready for the purchasing public. For many years the student body and faculty and friends have yearned for a Year Book, and it is only now that this dream of many years has become a reality. In its march to become one of the greatest universities of the United States, Johnson C. Smith realizes that it must develop in all college activities, and the putting out of this Annual is but one more step in its climb to greatness.

And now that the Annual is ready for sale we are hoping that our many friends will not let this last phase of putting the Annual business over successfully fail, lag or be ignored. We are hoping that everybody will purchase the Annual immediately as we have only a few more days in school. Thus you see that it is very imperative that orders be sent in at once. The orders of students, faculty members and alumni are earnestly requested. The cost is only \$3.25. Buy one and get a glimpse of the activities around and about the Alma Mater. Own one and have a pictorial review of "the good old college days." Pay \$3.25 and have another milestone in the development of Johnson C. Smith University. Get "The Bull." Own "The Bull." Pay \$3.25 and have "The Bull."

**A. J. CLEMENT, Jr.,**  
Chairman the Publicity Committee of "The Bull."

**THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S FORUM OF THE CALVARY CHURCH, WILSON, CLOSED.**

The Young People's Forum of the Calvary Presbyterian church of Wilson was brought to a close April 22nd. This organization, sponsored by the Tuxis Girls and the Pioneer Boys, had a most successful season. It was organized to afford a place where youth and age could meet on a common ground to discuss and listen to a discussion of the problems relative to our daily life and conduct. It proved itself to be a happy meeting ground, where these two groups, representing two schools of thought, found many things in common. The speakers were those who had made good in their particular lines of work. Each one brought a thought-provoking message. The meetings were well attended. On one occasion standing room was at a premium. The Forum season will begin again the last Sunday in next September. At this time it is planned to open with a big educational rally. Several noted speakers have already been booked for the next season.

Sunday, May 6th, was observed as Vocational Guidance Day. At the 11 o'clock service a special sermon was preached from the subject: "What Shall I Do With My Life?"

At 7:30 in the evening the young people presented a pageant, entitled, "What Shall I Do With My Life?" Tuxis: Naomi Freeman, Alcesta Langley, Malie Savage, Elvi McCullum, and Pioneers: Benjamin Sherrod, Nestus Freeman and Carl Hines collaborated in writing this pageant. It was well written and well rendered.

**"SCRIBE"**  
**TO J. C. S. U. ALUMNI**

Charlotte, N. C.,  
May 3rd, 1928.

Dear Alumnus:—Arrangement is being perfected for a banquet, Tuesday evening, June 5, 1928, at the annual Re-Union of the members. The Alumni Banquet Fee is one (\$1.00) dollar a plate. If you desire a plate, please send money at once to Dr. J. D. Martin, Alumni Treasurer, J. C. S. University, Charlotte, N. C.

**I. M. MARTIN, Chairman**  
**Local Committee,**  
1740 West Trade Street,  
Charlotte, N. C.

The General Assembly of the Southern Presbyterian Church will convene today (May 17th) in Atlanta.

**BARBER COLLEGE NOTES**

Friday dawned bright and beautiful and the Barber girls with smiling faces were rushing around. For what? Why, getting ready for the annual picnic given for the colored city schools of Anniston at Hobson City park. With sun hats in abundance we started out at ten o'clock for the car line, where there were two street cars waiting for us. We sang pep songs and gave yells all the way to the park. Everyone had a wonderful time, eating, visiting and playing. At six o'clock we started for home brimming over with the wonderful time we had. The same day the Faculty Missionary Society went for a picnic to Boiling Springs and everyone reported having a very nice time.

Saturday afternoon the Y. W. C. A. had a conference up in the pine grove. The trip was long and interesting. We started at Paris, visited Forest of Argonne, across the Alps to Rome where we saw many ruins. After crossing the Mediterranean, we visited Egypt, where we saw the great Pyramids. We went through Palestine, on over to India, and from India we crossed the Pacific Ocean and went through the Golden Gate at San Francisco, California. Our next big body of water was the Mississippi River. Then we arrived at Anniston where we had our conference. The meeting was very interesting. Miss Annette Foster read a paper sent to the Y. W. by Mrs. McLemore. Miss Johnson, a graduate from the University of Pittsburgh, and teacher of the High School Science Department, gave a talk on "Science and Religion." This was very interesting. After the program we played games until dinner time. There was a plenty of everything to eat and everybody felt that the hostess, Miss Burritt, was a wonderful entertainer. A playlet was presented by several of the girls. After this Rev. Miles, of the city, spoke to us on "Inter-racial Problems."

The different classes of Barber are playing volleyball every week, and the final game between the two winning teams will determine who will possess the "Loving Cup."

Through the kindness of Misses Burritt and Smith the beginning Sociology class and the Physiology classes attended the May Day program given at the South Highland City School on the eleventh.

The commencement exercises of the South Highland High School began on the seventeenth and some of the Barber classes have been attending each night.

The W. C. T. U. contest was held in Barber's chapel last Monday evening and everyone enjoyed the program from beginning to end. Miss Joetta Stinson was the winner of the medal.

One week and then exams, two weeks and then commencement, three weeks and we will be at home.

**HOPEWELL CHURCH, WALTERBORO, S. C.**  
Sunday A. M., May 13, our pastor, Rev. J. P. Johnson, preached from the text, I Sam. 1: 25-28, and Proverbs 3:10 and 28. "The Virtues of a Good Motherhood, and the Result" was the subject. This message was uplifting and soul-stirring. We partook of a hearty, spiritual feast.

and visitors. This was another spiritual feast. The theme was "Who Are My Neighbors? Am I My Brother's Keeper?" Several were heard to say, "This has been a high day in Zion."

Dr. C. J. Baker was a recent visitor to Walterboro on business. His many friends are always glad to welcome Dr. Baker to our town and in our homes.

Rev. S. H. Scott, of John's Island made a flying trip here recently. We were delighted to have Rev. Scott with us. He and Rev. Johnson had several very pleasant chats.

Rev. Johnson will preach at the Mt. Olive Baptist church, Friday P. M., May 18.

Hopewell's vacation is over, and we are on the job again. Thank God!

**A MEMBER.**

**JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY,**

**Commencement Program, June 1-6, 1928.**

**Friday, June 1st,**  
8:30 P. M. High School Exercises, Annual Address, Rev. H. C. Miller, Greensboro, N. C.  
**Sunday, June 3rd**  
8:30 P. M. Baccalaureate sermon, Rev. Wm. L. McEwan, D. D., LL. D., Pittsburgh, Pa.

**Monday, June 4th**  
10:30 A. M. Meeting of Alumni Association; Y. M. C. A. Hall.  
3:30 P. M. Dedication of Gymnasium.  
8:30 P. M. Junior Prize Contest.

**Tuesday, June 5th**  
10:30 A. M. Class Day Exercises.  
2:00 P. M. Meeting of Board of Trustees.  
7:30 P. M. President's Reception.  
8:30 P. M. Banquet, and Annual Address to Alumni Association, Rev. H. Wilson, Concord.

**Wednesday, June 6th**  
10:30 A. M. Commencement Exercises, College and School of Theology. Three Student Addresses—Two College and one Theological. Conferring of degrees and diplomas of diplomas and degrees. Address to graduating classes, Rev. C. McCoy Franklin, Crossnore, N. C.  
Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, of Pittsburgh, Penn., will attend the Commencement Exercises.

**BETHEL CHURCH NOTES.**

**By Miss Annie B. Funderburk**  
Sunday, May 13th, Rev. Dr. P. W. Russell preached for us from St. John 19: 30, "When Jesus had therefore received the vinegar he said, It is finished." Dr. Russell also made some splendid remarks in Sunday school. They were enjoyed by all who heard him. We are hoping to have Dr. Russell with us again.

Sunday was Mother's Day. Everybody honored mothers by wearing beautiful roses.

Mrs. Mary Jane Hood and her sons and daughters were out for services Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hood also motored from Rock Hill, S. C.

Mrs. Sallie Hood, Mr. J. W. Hood, Master Simpson Funderburk, Mr. Roosevelt Brown and Miss Annie Blanche Funderburk attended the annual sermon at Waxhaw Sunday afternoon.

The young people are working now for Children's Day which will be the second Sunday in June. Everybody is invited.

In a community campaign for the building of a Negro hospital in Richmond, the colored people of that city recently pledged \$100,000. Efforts are now under way to raise among the white people an additional \$100,000. The campaign has the endorsement of the Governor of the State, the Chamber of Commerce, and many prominent white citizens.

Miss Charlotte Percival, of Concord, and Miss Helen Drayton, of Rome, Ga., visited friends at Johnson C. Smith University one day this week.