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

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COMMENCEMENT AT SELDEN INSTITUTE

BRUNSWICK, GA.

By Rev. J. H. Toatley

In the beautiful city of Brunswick, Ga., by the sea, stands Selden Institute, with her domain of sixty-nine acres in the midst of a lovely grove of massive oaks and weeping willows. Beautiful and unique are the surroundings of this institution. The very atmosphere is inviting. The campus is well kept. In fact, Selden says to the colored boys and girls, "Come, rough-hewn though you be." Selden holds one of the keys to Christian Education.

This school was founded in 1903 by Miss Carrie E. Bemus who later relinquished the work, and the Rev. H. A. Bleach succeeded her with his efficient wife, Mrs. H. A. Bleach. The Rev. Bleach, some years ago, crossed the Great Divide, leaving behind Mrs. H. A. Bleach, who is now one of the leading spirits of Selden Institute.

The Division for Colored People of the Board of National Missions, more than a decade ago, appointed the Rev. S. Q. Mitchell, A. M., S. T. B., Principal of Selden Institute. The Board made a wise choice in the selection of Prof. Mitchell. This good man took unto himself Miss Ella McCleod, the adopted daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. S. Clark, of Cordele, Ga. These two hearts, beating as one, and with the co-operation of a splendid faculty and the support of the community at large, Selden is moving on with pride and progress. Through the efforts of Rev. Mitchell the curriculum has been raised fifteen high school units. Selden is affiliated with Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C. She is on Georgia's accredited list of high schools, class A. Students graduating from this institution are granted General Elementary Teachers' Certificates, class A for three years.

Sunday afternoon, May 13, marked the beginning of the closing exercises of Selden. A sermon was preached to the Literary and Religious Societies by the Rev. D. L. Clark, of Brunswick, Ga. The writer had not put in his presence at the time of this exercise, but, from reports, the exercise and sermon were up to the standard and set the cue for the remaining exercises.

Friday evening, May 18th, at 8:00 o'clock, the Annual Musical and Fashion Show Exhibition from the Home Economics Department took place in the school auditorium, with Misses L. V. Carter, J. L. Gantley and M. J. Cassell, directresses. From the lips of those who witnessed the exhibition, the entertainment was a splendid display by members from various departments. Little Miss Mildred Mitchell, with grace and ease and child-like simplicity, played "Climbing Blossoms." Her artistic touch and skill in music are but the traits of her father.

Sunday afternoon, May 20th, at 3:00, at Shiloh Baptist church, a crowd which taxed the capacity of this beautiful and spacious edifice, graced the occasion—the hour for the annual sermon. Twenty-three Seniors marched up the aisle to the beautiful strains of music from the National Hymn, "God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand," and took the front seats. The annual sermon was delivered by Rev. J. H. Toatley, pastor of Mt. Zion Presbyterian church and Principal of Lincoln High School, Due West, S. C. The writer spoke from the text, Matt. 5: 16, "Let your lights so shine before men that they may

see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Theme: "Shine Out Somewhere." As to the merits of this sermon, let others speak. Suffice it to say that the writer, under God, attempted to put the message across in the spirit and light of the text.

On Monday evening, May 21st, at 8:30, the Junior oratorical contest was witnessed by a large and appreciative audience in the school auditorium. Mrs. H. A. Bleach presided. Six members of the Junior class vied with each other in a spirited battle for the two prizes given by the Alumni Association—a gold medal and five dollars in gold. From the decision of the judges the race was not one-sided. All ran well. Messrs. L. A. and E. N. Ellis were declared the successful contestants and were awarded first and second prizes, respectively.

On Tuesday evening, May 22, at 8:00 o'clock the Senior Play, "The End of the Lane," was portrayed in dramatic and romantic style.

Following the play a speed test in type writing was had under the direction of Miss R. M. Nelson, subject, "Be Yourself." Miss Attles was the easy winner of the contest.

Wednesday May 23, marked the closing exercises of the Institute. This day crowned the task. The end of a perfect day came—one long to be remembered. The people came. They saw and heard and went away with food for thought and hearts filled with inspiration. The Commencement music, under the direction of Miss L. V. Carter, was most excellent and on a high order from beginning to end.

The annual address was delivered by Rev. A. S. Clark, D. D., Principal of Gillespie Institute, Cordele, Ga. Dr. Clark used for his subject, "Contented, but not Satisfied." This address was a rare gem. It was full of food for thought from start to finish. Dr. Clark always handles his subjects with ease and grace. He is a man who goes beneath the surface of things and looks at his subject from every angle. He is an orator of no mean ability. All who chanced to hear this address can not soon forget the masterly address and eloquence.

Six members from the Senior Class were the Commencement speakers: They were Johnnie Combs, salutatory; Addie M. Atkinson, Daisy L. Mitchell, Birdie C. Palmer, Lugenia C. Ellis, and Eddie Hall, valedictory.

Mrs. A. S. Clark, in well chosen and appropriate words, presented the diplomas.

The class roll follows: Mary Atkinson, Zelline Baldwin, Melba Cambric, Vernia Combs, Priscilla Dennison, Mildred Dilworth, Cleo Ellis, Lugenia Ellis, Eddie Hall, Jessie Hall, Mamie Hall, Carrie Isaac, Mattie Johnson, Mozella Knight, Addie McAdams, Daisy Mitchell, Birdie Palmer, Minniola Robinson, Lucile Simmons, Ella Smith and Elizabeth Sullivan.

Members of the faculty are: Rev. and Mrs. S. Q. Mitchell, Mrs. H. A. Bleach, Misses Cecilia McCoy, L. V. Carter, Janie Mae Hall, J. Gantley, Ellena Atkinson, R. M. Nelson, M. J. Cassell and Prof. R. W. Thompson.

The Rev. W. D. Woods, Principal of Hodge Academy, and Prof. C. A. Johnson, Supervisor of the City Schools, Columbia, S. C., graced the occasion with their presence.

Farmers of Chatham County have purchased 1,300 bushels of soybeans for planting this year. This amount is an addition to seed saved in the county last fall.

NATIONAL CONGRESS COLORED PARENTS AND TEACHERS

Will Hold Second Annual Session at Charleston, W. Va., July 23-24.

Atlanta, Ga., June —: The second annual convention of the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers will be held in Charleston, West Virginia, July 23-24, according to an announcement by the National President, Mrs. H. R. Butler, of this city.

The convention program will center around the topic, "The Child—His Home and His Community," and will feature a number of prominent educational leaders among whom will be W. J. Hale, President of Tennessee A. & I. State College, Franklin O. Nichols, of the National Hygiene Association; Miss Julia D. Conner, of the Better Homes Movement; Mrs. Charles E. Roe, Field Secretary of the White National Congress of Parents and Teachers; and Mrs. T. G. Nutter, of Charleston, W. Va. Representatives will be present from twelve States which hold membership in the National Congress.

For convenience the Convention will meet at the same place and just prior to the National Association of Teachers in Colored Schools, which convenes in Charleston on July 25.

RESULTS OF CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS IN SUNDAY SCHOOLS OF CATAWBA SYNOD.

By Frank C. Shirley

Our membership campaign formally closed on Sunday June 10th. The following is the report by Presbyteries of the schools that participated in the campaign:

Cape Fear Presbytery
Calvary and out posts 55
Chestnut Street 10
Hare's Memorial 7
White Rock 20

Total 92
Catawba Presbytery

Ben Salem 6
Biddleville 27
Black's Memorial 21
Brandon 8
Brooklyn 22
Church Street 5
Dulatown 21
Huntersville 33
Lowry's Memorial 3
Matthew's Chapel 4
Murkland 4
Seventh Street 20
Westminster 15
Wilson Street 4

Total 193
Sou. Va. Presbytery

Bethany 11
Richmond First 29
Fifth Avenue 39
Carver Memorial 8
Wheeler 28

Total 115
Yadkin Presbytery

Blandonia 30
Faith 9
Grace 31
Groveland 12
Mt. Tabor 1
Mebane 14
Pine Street 15
St. James 13
Tradd Street 23

Total 148
Grand Total for Synod 548

The results tabulated above speak for themselves. Our goal was 1,000 new members. We have in the Synod 178 churches; 32 of these 178 churches added 548 new pupils. What did the other 146 do? Well, we can't say as we have no record. We feel that the effort was worth while, and it will serve as a basis for further expansion of our work.

We take this opportunity to

thank the leadership of the co-operating churches; and we would ask the leaders of the other 146 churches if they have had additions to their schools to us that we might include during 1928 to send the number our total. Just send report to F. C. Shirley, 506 N. Myers St., Charlotte, N. C.

NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION CONVENES IN BALTIMORE, AUGUST, 13TH-17TH.

The Annual Convention of the National Medical Association will meet at Baltimore, Maryland, August 13th to the 17th. The President, Dr. C. V. Freeman, is doing everything possible to make this the greatest year in the history of the organization. He has traveled extensively and made many contacts that will mean much to the National Medical Association.

The President states that although only 2,000 of the 6,000 professional men eligible for membership in the Association, were members of the Association at the beginning of the year, a large increase is expected in membership when the reports are received at the Baltimore meeting.

Splendid arrangements are being made in Baltimore for clinical and scientific work at prominent hospitals. We are expecting to make this a post-graduate week in medicine and its allied branches. Our one aim is that the men will gain valuable information by attending these meetings so that they will be better able to serve humanity.

The National Medical Association is expecting at least 3,500 physicians, surgeons, dentists and pharmacists at Baltimore. With this we feel that this will be the most powerful organization of our group to help humanity in their various communities. Begin now to make preparations for Baltimore.

A. OLIVER CHRESFIELD PASSES AWAY IN CHICAGO.

After a prolonged illness from heart trouble, A. Oliver Chresfield passed away Saturday at the Omega Psi Phi fraternity house, 4959 South Parkway, where he conducted a cafeteria. Mr. Chresfield was born in Barbados, B. W. I., and came to this country at the age of 10 years with his father who entered the coal business in Philadelphia. He was a graduate of a Philadelphia high school and attended Lincoln University. Entering the navy, where he served for nine years, he saw service in the Spanish-American War. He had traveled extensively in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia and the Americas, and was well versed in the customs and languages of these countries.

Three years ago he married Miss Letitia Breckenridge Coles, a city school teacher, of Lexington, Ky. The deceased was a 33rd degree Mason and a member of Metropolitan Community church. His uncle was an attorney general in the British West Indies and his eldest brother was a Presbyterian minister at Raleigh, N. C. He is survived by his wife, two nieces, Misses Pauline and Annie Chresfield, teachers in Monroe, N. C.; a nephew and a niece in Georgia, Dr. and Mrs. Chas. Cooper, and three nephews, Percy, Fayetteville, N. C.; James, New York, and Kenzie, Philadelphia. The funeral was held Wednesday from the Booker T. Washington Funeral Home and was attended by a number of friends. The Omega Psi Phi fraternity in Chicago sent a wreath of flowers along with other flowers sent by friends from out of the city.

40TH ANNIVERSARY OF CHILDREN'S DAY

JETERSVILLE, VA.

(An address delivered by Mrs. Sarah Paige Brown at the celebration of Children's Day on June 17).

Dear Folk:—

Will it interest you to know that in celebrating Children's Day today you are holding the 40th anniversary of the celebration in this Sunday school? Will it interest you to know that this Sunday school was started away back in the eighties in Norfolk's old farm house, some two miles West of this place, by the late Mrs. S. J. Neil? Assuming that you are interested let us take the Sabbath school at its origin in 1885, with Mrs. Neil as Superintendent and teacher, and the school made up of men, women and children, ages from 5 to 60 and even 75. A few were able to read; none able to express themselves intelligently about the Bible save possibly one or two who came as helpers to Mrs. Neil. Most of the scholars had never been inside of a Sunday school. Our scholarly Dr. Floyd J. Anderson tells of his not having attended a Sunday school until Allen Memorial was started. To this infant Sunday school my father took me, then a little girl, with a little red Testament in my hands, and gave me in charge of one of the teachers sent by the grand old Presbyterian Church of the U. S. A., to help Mrs. Neil, thus placing me under the care of said Church and here I am today after 40 years still in the same Sunday school.

Beginning in 1885 on a small scale the Sunday school soon outgrew the farm house room, both in usefulness and numbers, hence a building was constructed and our Sunday school was moved to its present quarters in 1888; and in June of the same year we celebrated our first Children's Day—just 40 years and 5 days ago. I am glad I was here then and exceedingly glad to be here today.

Let us note the growth of the Allen Memorial Sunday school in numbers, influence and usefulness. In numbers it has grown from a few ignorant old people and unlearned children to an enrollment of more than 100 men, women and children; yes, men, women and youth who are well versed in the Bible, who can and do study for themselves and explain to others and live by God's holy word. "A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump." A church has grown out of the Sunday school.

What can be said of influence? After sending out such men as Dr. B. M. Ward, of Rochester, N. Y.; Rev. R. P. Johnson, of Kimball, W. Va.; Prof. F. J. Anderson, of Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., and women such as Mrs. Rachel Booker Miller and Mrs. Sallie Johnson Clarke, of Burkeville, and Mrs. Mary Scott Booker, of Washington, D. C. All of the aforementioned are loyal workers in the Master's vineyard. Can the influence of such lives be measured?

Who is the manager and printer of our much loved and esteemed weekly visitor, the *Africo*? Rev. C. P. Pitchford, who was reared in Allen Memorial Sunday school. What a power, yes, far-reaching power for good the *Africo* is. We can not mention all of the dear ones who have gone out from this Sabbath school bearing the banner of Jesus Christ, with faith and determination to let it trail in the dust never.

Members of the Allen Memorial Sunday school, may the seed of truth, sown by you bud and

blossom here, hastening the coming of Christ's kingdom on earth, and bear fruit throughout eternity.

PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL ADDRESS

AT INGLESIDE SEMINARY ALUMNAE REUNION

By Mrs. M. B. Marks

The Alumnae Association of Ingleside Seminary, Burkeville, Va., hails with joy this the third Alumnae Reunion, which, by the hand of kind Providence, is made possible for us through the great heart of dear Mrs. Alter, Dr. Alter, this dear faculty, with the combined efforts of this good student body, for which words can not express, nor pen describe our deep feeling of overflowing gratitude, thanks and appreciation.

With pleasure we note the excellent work you are doing and bid you God's speed onward and upward, and, eventually heaven grant you an exceeding great and high reward.

The object of this Alumnae is to help you to do more effective work in the uplifting, moulding and shaping of character.

Though few and but little accomplished as yet, great things often result from small beginnings. There was a time when the walls of our beloved Alma Mater lay in ashes, but prayers were wafted on the wings of faith and love, that God would raise up men and means that they might be rebuilt stronger than before. God brought it to pass, and verily His truth is marching on.

Dr. and Mrs. G. C. Campbell manifested their love for the Negro race. They went to our mother continent, and, when fever threatened death to them they came back to America and continued in the work of uplifting the Negro. Dr. Campbell made the supreme sacrifice. "Greater love hath no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends." When God takes his Moses he places Joshua in charge. We desire to support the causes which he represented and to hold up the arms of his successors, that causes so noble shall not suffer loss. Should this place or these walls no longer cry out, may the slab that marks the spot bid those of the future to remember. The Campbell Memorial Fund may in time become the Campbell-Alter Memorial Fund, and so on as each President and his shall perform their part, a link shall be added till it has become quite a chain.

Dear Sisters Alumnae, after an interval of years we assemble in dear Ingleside. During these years many have scattered. Quite a number has passed over to Jordan's other shore. Just last year Mother Wright was with us, for the first and last time ere she united with the great throng above. She left us the rich heritage of her beautiful qualities and fine virtues which we gladly treasure. Soon we, too, must to the margin come. O may we all prepare to meet our God. We pass along life's way but once. Let us as individuals and Alumnae ever treasure the many golden lessons of our Alma Mater. Those dear teachers, God bless them. Fond memory feign would fling the kiss of affection to them now.

Class of 1928, you are not too late; how gladly we hail your coming in to join us. We thrice welcome you to all the pleasures, privileges and responsibilities of this organization, which calls for that same perseverance, faithfulness and loyalty, which

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