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DR. MOTT RESIGNS.

347 Madison Ave.,
New York,

June 27, 1928.

To the Editor:

Dr. John R. Mott, the General Secretary of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Associations, who has been related to this movement for forty years, placed in the hands of the General Board at its meeting at Meridale Farms on the 22nd of June, his resignation to take effect at the October meeting of the National Council.

The call to a higher and larger service in the Presidency of the International Missionary Council which unites the Missionary forces of the world, including those of the Association, made it necessary for him to sever his relation as Secretary of the American Y. M. C. A.

His resignation was received with deep regret but not without a deep recognition of the force of the larger call.

Since his resignation, if accepted, will not take effect until October, no action or official consideration has been given to a possible successor.

Sincerely yours,

ADRIAN LYON,
Chairman of the General Board.

The resignation of Dr. John R. Mott, the General Secretary of the National Council of the Young Men's Christian Association, after forty years of service, means a distinct loss to the Y. M. C. A. cause. Dr. Mott's resignation, however, does not mean retirement, but his entrance into a field of larger service.

THE LYNCHING RECORD FOR THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1928.

There still exists in this country among certain elements flagrant disregard for law and human life. There are some who seem to have a thirst for human blood, and are void of those principles that distinguish man from brute. The nameless crime long since has ceased to be the sole cause of lynching. Men are now lynched on the slightest pretext, and often by an unmasked mob in broad daylight. In some cases the lives of innocent kindred of the victim are not safe because of this relationship, as indicated below:

Office of the Principal
Tuskegee Institute, Alabama
July 1, 1928.

Dear Sir:

I send you the following information concerning lynchings for

the first six months of the year. I find according to the records compiled at Tuskegee Institute in the Department of Records and Research that in the first six months of 1928 there were 5 lynchings. This number is 4 less than the number (9) for the first six months of each of the years 1925 and 1926; it is the same as the number (5) for the first six months of 1924; 10 less than the number (15) for the first six months of 1923; 25 less than the number (30) for the first six months of 1922, and 31 less than the number (36) for the first six months of 1921.

All of the persons lynched were Negroes. The offenses charged were murder, 3; being brothers of man who killed an officer of the law, 2.

The States in which lynchings occurred and the number in each State are as follows: Louisiana, 2; Missouri, 1; Texas, 2.

Very truly yours,
R. R. MOTON,

Principal.

MAKES A SECOND CHURCH POSSIBLE.

Record of Dr. Taylor's Part in Purchase of New Building.

Editor Africo-American Presbyterian:—The following recently appeared in The Bulletin published by the 15th Street Presbyterian church, of Washington, D. C.:

"Dr. H. B. Taylor, who recently completed his first term as Secretary-Treasurer of the Presbyterian Ministers' Association of Washington and vicinity, was unanimously elected to succeed himself at the last meeting of the Association.

"At the June meeting of the Washington City Presbytery, held at the New York Avenue church, Monday evening, Dr. Taylor was the unanimous choice for permanent Clerk Protem of the Presbytery at that session.

"Both of these signal honors are indicative of the high standing of Dr. Taylor in local Presbyterian circles as well as a marked evidence of the growth of the influence of our church."

Dr. Taylor, as is generally known, is a classical and theological graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, and during his three years' pastorate here has doubtless done as much as any other alumnus to draw favorable attention to his Alma Mater.

In a Presbytery of more than forty churches, only three of which are of our group, he has won honor after honor because of his courteous yet many stand for the right. He was not only a commissioner to the General Assembly himself in 1926, but also an elder from his church was elected that year. Another elder was also elected this year for the reason that it was believed this act would please Dr. Taylor.

The fact is not generally known that the purchase of a church building by this Presbytery at a cost of \$40,000, for the use of the Tabor Presbyterian church, of which Rev. R. A. Fairley is pastor, is due largely to the efforts of Dr. Taylor. These are the facts:

A Layman's Fellowship, whose mission it was to expand the Presbyterian work in Washington, was about to be formed. Dr. Taylor at once urged that an elder from his church be placed thereon, which was done. Our own church had no immediate need of expansion, but the two others of our group did. So through patient but persistent effort on the part of Dr. Taylor and his lay representative on the Fellowship, with the co-operation of friends both had made thereon, two lots were bought by Presbytery outright for one of the two churches needing assistance, and this church is now planning to build thereon.

In the case of the Tabor church a difficult situation presented itself. Presbytery would advance \$5,000; other interests, \$5,000; and local real estate agents would place a first trust on the property for \$20,000. That is \$30,000; but the purchase price is \$40,000. The Board would advance the necessary \$10,000, but only on a first

trust. But there could not be two first trusts. What was to be done?

Just when the deal was about to fall through, Dr. Taylor, unanimously supported by the Fifteenth Street church, was enabled to say, in substance, to Presbytery: "We will allow a first trust of \$10,000 to be placed against our property in order that Tabor church may purchase this property." Papers satisfactory to all concerned were made out, and Tabor is now firmly established.

These facts have never before been published but we give them now to show the caliber of the man now pastoring historic old Fifteenth Street church.

Further: Under Dr. Taylor's leadership our church has just assumed a debt of \$250 as its share of the salary of Rev. Mr. Underhill, the missionary to Africa, recently appointed by the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. It has also taken under advisement the possibility of sending to Johnson C. Smith in September to study theology a young man who recently graduated from the classical department of that institution.

Dr. Taylor attended the J. C. S. U. Commencement in 1926, and he was there again this year. He is in close touch with all happenings of the University. He is a deep thinker and a logical reasoner and can not be swept off his feet by an appeal to passion at any time.

Very respectfully yours,
JOHN EDGAR SMITH,
7812 Ninth Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

SIDELIGHTS

HERE AND THERE

From Knox Presbytery way come explanations as to the wherefore and whys of its fortunate and pleasing position. These explanations to a certain degree cause one to feel that our friends down that way began to see red when the word "fight" was used by this writer. It possibly is a common trait of human nature to associate all adverse positions taken by one as a fight against another. Many people reason that way. Permit me to ask the brethren who are anticipating upheavals brought about by envy, that they dissipate their minds of such. Nobody is going to fight Knox Presbytery in that way. But it is not any sin to compete with the fortunate of that favored Presbytery in a friendly fight to get some of the big honors which graciously settle down on them without the smallest bit of flurry. There is no harm in others trying to learn through what source such things come about. If it takes psychology, or the art of being a "good mixer" or what not, it is pleasing information to have. It is evident that this valuable inside information can be used on many occasions.

Notwithstanding all arguments to the contrary coming from all sources, the fact still remains that the Knox Presbytery is occupying a conspicuous place, in that outstanding honors have come to us through that honorable body. Our Florida brother, Rev. J. H. Cooper, admits the facts as we presented them. The honors are there. No one thinks less of that fact. But cannot it be assumed that some one might suggest as we have previously stated that the honors might go around? That is not raising a fight but it is stating a fact worthy of consideration for the powers that be. Argument was stated in the reply to the comments that the brethren were responsible for their official acts. Certainly so, as in all other Presbyteries. The men in Knox Presbyteries are able and efficient. But to be candid, in a great many things many official acts are unofficial and many unofficial acts are made official. There are no exceptions to that. The experience of this noted Presbyter will bear us out in this statement.

It is stimulating to get the views of others. We put forward our candidate in good faith. It is fine to enter into a friendly fight in a contest. There is no zeal in cut and dried

affairs. We like to whoop it up for somebody. We can safely say that, that is the position of the average person.

Now, we are glad to get this information. We have been on the outside looking in. We feel much better to be partly inside and can look out. We can appreciate the changed view. All around the different fields such open information as has been given will lessen the tension and anxiety of the fear that the Board of Foreign Missions is blind in one eye. There is many a wish that the lightning will not strike twice in the same place, at least not until a long period of time.

Brethren, don't see red. It always breeds a belligerent attitude. We are fighting no man or Presbytery. Our interest is aroused; that is all. It is our wish that the men who have been elected to go on this mission, will have a pleasant and educative journey. They are a part of us and we hold no brief against them. We wish them "Bon Voyage."

We had the pleasure of hearing Dr. I. H. Russell for a week on one field in evangelistic services. The crowds were good and the interest was fine. Dr. Russell preached the old time gospel. Quiet and staid Presbyterians and others from our sister churches gave audible vent to their feelings. Dr. Russell has increased in power in his work. It is our wish that many people will be brought into the Church through his work wherever he may go this Church year.

Just now we are entering into our summer campaigns of evangelistic services everywhere. Everybody is concerned about soliciting the services of young people in the work of the church by getting them to take a definite stand for Christ. The question has been asked, Are we losing our hold upon our young people? Some are optimistic, and say no; while others are of the opposite view and say, yes. It is a big question for the church and its workers to solve. The summer campaign of evangelistic services is a good time to work hard to arouse more interest in them. An A. M. E. minister who attended his General Conference at Kansas City said to us on his return that it was reported in the quadrennial report on young people that in the last four years his Church had lost a quarter of a million of young people. Excluding those lost by natural causes, there remains a large number who have drifted. This drifting process is being felt in our own churches. We are persuaded to ask some of our Sunday school experts, How many have we lost in the last four years? We are sure it would be interesting to know.

SIDELIGHTER.

PERSONALS.

Prof. and Mrs. J. D. Martin and family left Charlotte Tuesday for Brainerd Institute, Chester, S. C., where they will reside in the future. They have the best wishes of a host of friends here and elsewhere. Correspondents should note the removal and change of address.

Prof. and Mrs. L. H. Williams, of Macon, Ga., are visiting in the home of their son, Prof. S. D. Williams at Johnson C. Smith University.

Drs. T. A. Long, R. L. Douglass, C. H. Shute and P. W. Russell have gone to New York to study at Columbia University. Friends were glad to see Rev. and Mrs. H. W. McNair, of Fee Memorial Institute, Nicholasville, Ky., who were in Charlotte one day last week on their way to visit relatives at Harrisburg and Aberdeen. They were in fine spirits and very enthusiastic over the outlook for their church and school work.

Last Friday, Senator Robinson, of Arkansas, was named as the Democratic Vice-Presidential candidate on the ticket with Governor Smith of New York. With the tickets of the two major parties completed, the campaign may be expected to wax in interest as the pre-election days go by.

CITIZENS OF CHESTER EXPRESS APPRECIATION OF PROF. AND MRS. MARQUIS

"Gratitude is the memory of the heart."

We do not know who is the author of this statement, nevertheless, it is a beautiful one. As we look back over the thirty-six years in which Prof. and Mrs. Marquis have presided over Brainerd Institute, and as we realize the great service to this community and to the race, we would be ungrateful and unworthy if we failed at this particular time to express our deep and sincere appreciation to them for these years of faithful service.

As they are about to leave there comes to us no little degree of sadness. This is the dark side of this picture; but for them we wish they would read the other side, for they will find there written words that time can not erase: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant." We are not unmindful of the support that has been given them by the faculty during all these years. All of them—some living and some gone on to their eternal reward—we will remember with grateful hearts. We are touched with deepest sympathy for Prof. Marquis because of his failing health. We commend him to the care of a loving father who never forsakes His own.

We trust as the years come and go there will come to them an increasing satisfaction and joy in a life well spent. Therefore, be it resolved:

That we express our humble thanks to God for His gracious providence; and to Prof. and Mrs. Marquis for their untiring efforts in building up this institution which now stands as a great moral force in the uplift of the race.

2. That we extend to the retiring faculty our good wishes and thanks for their loving service.

3. That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the hands of Prof. and Mrs. Marquis, and a copy be sent to the "Chester Reporter," and to the "Africo-American Presbyterian" for publication.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Your committee,
DR. JAMES ALLEN, Chairman.
MRS. ETTA J. STANBACK,
Secretary.
REV. J. W. MANONEY.

ADIEU! TO PROF. AND MRS. J. S. MARQUIS.

Birds will ever sing their songs,
Carol them sweetly all day long.
Friends may come; friends may go;
Chester's Horse Shoe hangs o'er your door.

Winds may blow, storms may roar,
Clouds may lower, torrents pour.
Our love and friendship we wish to show,
Chester's Horse Shoe to you we bestow.

Your labor and sacrifice nobly done,
Your cross and crown well won;
Your efforts so noble, work so true,
Chester's Horse Shoe ever lingers with you.

The sun of your life is brighter each day;
Your path flower-decked in rich array;
Your life so noble, your touch of gold,
Chester's Horse Shoe to you we unfold.

Stars bedeck and cover your crown,
Stars for your labor shine all around,
Stars you've made of brilliant hue,
Chester's Horse Shoe will follow you.

We are not parting, no, no, never,
We're tramping home where friends ne'er sever,
Up there your stars, a crown for you,
Chester's Horse Shoe, our crown, adieu!

We are not parting, no, no, never,
Just tramping upward, home forever.

Good luck, good cheer and love to you,

Chester's Horse Shoe, your crown, adieu!

MARY COTTON AYERS.

ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO.

Sunday morning, Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Heb. 9:22, using the subject, "The Scarlet Thread." The speaker said one of the axioms of life is sacrifice to get worth while things. Privileges given are never retained. Negroes should expect to struggle if they come into the larger liberties. The scriptural side of life holds the same axiom. There must be a fight. If you are not fighting you are living in the mud. Accept the struggle, looking unto Jesus for help. There was an accession at the close of the service.

The Earnest Workers won the cup. The banner for finance went to Up and Doing Class.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. James met at the church last Thursday afternoon and organized a society of the younger married women, which is known as the "Lucy Laney Circle."

Miss Ardalia Correll is reported very ill at this writing.

Mr. W. L. McNair, Jr., will appear in a musical recital Tuesday evening at St. James.

The members of the Christian Endeavor Society will hold its annual picnic July 4th, at Wadsworth's.

Miss Clara Wade, of Philadelphia, spent a day this week with her sister, Mrs. G. A. Bridges, en route to her home in Wilkesboro.

CEDAR GROVE COMMUNITY NOTES.

By Mrs. Hattie A. Russell

A Heap of Happiness

"Some who look for happiness Will think it hard to find. Reckon 'cause the thought of self Lies so close behind. But the search is easy, if you only bear in mind There's a heap of happiness In just being kind."

"Looking for your happiness is just a useless bother. Quit and look about, instead, For ways to help another. You'll find when some one's need of you Thoughts of your self smother, And there's a heap of happiness in helping one another."

Sunday, June 24th, our pastor, Dr. L. J. Melton, brought to us a powerful sermon, Text, St. Luke 8: 4-5. The theme of his discourse was "God's Great Love and Sympathy for Man." Our pastor seemed to be at his best and the sermon was enjoyed by all.

The offering for pastor's salary was very good and a neat sum was also taken up for our church expenses.

Sunday school was observed at the regular hour with a good attendance, after which the pastor, choir and a good number of the congregation went to Columbus A. M. E. Zion church to witness the Children's Day program which was very good.

On the first Sunday afternoon in July the annual sermon of the Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth Lodges was preached at the same place.

The second Sunday night in July under the direction of the Ladies' Missionary Society there is to be rendered a program of unusual interest. This program is composed entirely of men. Mr. J. H. Russell will preside with the following persons to appear: Messrs. J. W. Alexander, Jay Phifer, C. D. Phifer, G. W. Forney, Thomas Barnett, J. S. Russell, Chas. Forney, Thomas Barnett, J. L. Alexander, Frank Davidson and Zeb. Flowe.

Mrs. J. F. Lytle, who spent a month in New York with her mother, is now home to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. J. H. McCauley, who was house-keeping for Mrs. Lytle while she was away, is also at home again.