

BRAINERD NEWS

By Mrs. R. Howell Harris

Our semester examinations, which began Monday, January 27, and will continue through the week, mark the end of half the scholastic year of 1929-'30. Such tests help to develop self-reliance and firmness for which there is no substitute. One suffers who lacks them.

After the students spent five days studying conscientiously trying to master all that is attainable, they thoughtfully and readily gave attention to the following exercises.

Friday evening at 8:30 o'clock an all star program was rendered in the chapel. Several of the Brainerd students and teachers rendered musical and literary numbers. Even though the exercise was for the benefit of Carmel Presbyterian church, we had in our midst a variety of talent, which always helps students to appreciate the cultural values in education.

Saturday evening at 7:30 o'clock the Science Club held the usual semi-monthly science meeting in the dining room. These meetings which are held in lieu of the regular lyceums, seem to be an incentive to delve for the truth, which is the one requisite of this experimental age.

Sunday morning at 8:45, students and teachers gave attention to the Sabbath school lesson. The subject, "Standards of the Kingdom," was studied with interest. The lesson was concluded with Bible verses that contained the word "Mercy." Evidently the standards of the kingdom and a worth while citizen are inseparable and we hope everybody was helped after having studied the lesson.

The Christian Endeavor at 5 o'clock was also a meeting of interest and enthusiasm. The topic, "Sharing," was appropriate for young people, who are hoping to put their thoughts into harmonious actions.

Members of the Y. W. C. A. held their meeting in the dining room at the usual hour, 7:30 o'clock. The topic, "Looking Beyond Our Community," seemed to have been an eye-opener to some of the fine qualities in students that will automatically help men to live fuller and better lives.

HAYMOUNT PRESBYTERIAN NOTES, FAYETTEVILLE

After a pleasant holiday season and greetings exchanged with students who were home for the holidays, we have begun the new year with resolutions for earnest work and more prayerful lives. The large number of young and old who gathered at the church on New Year's Eve made open and striking expressions of their desires to live more useful lives.

The Lord's Supper was celebrated on the first Sunday. Our pastor, Rev. H. S. Davis, delivered a wonderful sermon to parents concerning their responsibility for the new year in the training of children. He used as a text the 5th chapter of Deut., verses 1 to 7. The forcefulness of the message was felt by the extraordinarily large audience present.

The Week of Prayer was observed with cottage prayer meetings in six homes, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday nights. All the six groups reported highly spiritual meetings. The Wednesday night service at the church was attended by about sixty people and was another occasion of testimonials and spiritual awakening.

We are glad to report that the sick members of our congregation are much improved at this writing. We have greatly missed the three elders who are ill, Messrs. Fred Fleming, Arthur Manly and Adam McHister, and are praying that their strength may be soon restored.

The Tuxis Girls held a splendid meeting with Mrs. L. S. Seabrook, Thursday. Ten members were present.

Two new deacons were made and installed the first week in January, namely: Messrs. John D. McNeill and Henry A. Jenkins, and we are wishing them

God speed as they labor in God's vineyard.

The Deacons' Board met Monday night, January 13th. At this meeting Mr. John D. McNeill was elected Chairman; H. A. Jenkin, Secretary; W. J. Elliott, Treasurer, and Willie Williams, Assistant Secretary of the Board.

Mrs. Nina McNair and Miss Willie Belle Crump, of Wilmington, spent the week-end with relatives here.

The pastor wishes to acknowledge here the receipt of Christmas messages from former faithful members who are cut of town: Miss Sudie McNeill, of Monticello, Ark.; Mrs. Alice Hatwood, of Claymount, Del.; and Mrs. Alice Henderson, of Winston-Salem.

MT. PISGAH CHURCH, WAXHAW, N. C.

Sunday morning, January 26, our pastor, Rev. C. P. Pitchford, brought to us a very strong and helpful sermon, based on Psalm 37:3. He urged his congregation to trust in the Lord at all times and under all circumstances, and to do all the good they can, and to be better men and women this year than they were last. This was indeed a good sermon.

Our members are gradually taking on new life. In December we divided our membership into 5 clubs, as was stated in a recent issue of this paper. The captains reported on January 26 and the results were surprising; and, too, some of the main pillars of the church have recently moved away and could not be present to help us on this occasion. The captains asked to be allowed to continue their work until the 4th Sunday in February. Mrs. Hattie Morrison, an aged but very active member, asked to be allowed to work as a captain. Miss Louise Stewart, a young lady of the church, also asked to be allowed to work as a captain. Her request was granted and we will have seven captains to report on the 4th Sunday in February; after this full report will be published in the Africo. Our folks at Mt. Pisgah are determined to make a good report on benevolence this year.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely under the leadership of our young Superintendent, Mr. Sanford Morrison.

A MEMBER.

A LECTURE TOUR

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writer ran up to Nottaway where she enjoyed a delightful stay with the good families of Lomaxes and Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Harris, who are the moving power in Bethesda church. Miss Alma was also taking a college course at Hampton and during vacation renders valuable service to the church by her musical talent.

Here, too, the writer was royally entertained, by Mr. and Mrs. Willie Morgan, through whose instrumentality she delivered the lecture, at Poplar Mount Baptist church to their good people.

Then returned to Petersburg, where, accompanied by Rev. and Mrs. Tice, she submitted a report of the Conference to a body of ladies, in Tabb St. church, July 1st. On evening of the 2nd, through Mrs. Mary E. Cousin, a member of the Conference, she lectured to an appreciative audience of white and colored, at the Mosby Memorial Baptist church, Richmond, of which Mrs. Cousin is a stirring worker. Here the writer was very much encouraged by the presence of Mrs. Hendley, Miss Deborah Patterson, Mrs. Zemorja J. Woode.

After being royally entertained by Mrs. Cousin, Mr. T. L. Miss Lillian Beverly and Misses Mary E. and A. Rebecca Eeverly, who were attending the Union, she arrived in Bracv. July 6th. Sweet memory of all will linger with her long and the writer will cherish undying gratitude to the friends who made it so pleasant for her.

I don't think much of a man who is not wiser today than he was yesterday.—Lincoln.

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BARBER COLLEGE NOTES

By: Marion P. Wharton

We were delighted to have with us last week from Tuesday evening until Saturday morning Rev. J. B. Barber of Chattanooga, Tennessee. There is no doubt that each teacher and student has a more vivid realization of Jesus Christ from the messages which he brought us in both the morning chapel exercises and in the service held each night at 8:15.

The main theme for the week was "What shall I do with my life?" Tuesday night's answer was, "Your life must be tested by storms. 'Lives that are able to stand the test are those that have extended to Christ a wide open door. There are two words that aid us—extension and establishment. Our age has extension, but the quality lacking is establishment. We need the new foundation of Jesus Christ, and should build upon God the abiding rock."

Wednesday night's answer was, "Daring and Courage." "Our lives are recorded by the courage we show. The great essentials of life in God can be accomplished only by a great deal of resolution. 'Being right is better than success. 'It means sacrifice and loyalty to God, and your living the life Christ would have you live. Are you daring to live for Jesus Christ?"

Thursday night the answer was to "Open our minds." Friday night was the last of the very helpful series of services. The answer to the question "What shall I do with my life?" was, "Concentrate your life in God, and consecrate it to his service. 'This means more than serving, it means giving ourselves. Rev. Barber held several group conferences, and talked with many of the students answering questions, and trying to show them that behind every cloud there is a silver lining. As a result of his interesting way of putting the truth before us two students, the only ones who had not prof-

fessed Christ before coming to Barber, did so before the close of the meetings. They and two others were received into the church Sunday.

Sunday morning the Sabbath School lesson was discussed as usual. Since the awakening spirit has arisen in us so vividly, we can see more and more beauty in our worship services. At eleven o'clock every one worshipped with Rev. Rice. The day's message was brought to us by Dr. Scherer, former President of the college. At 4 o'clock the Vesper Chorus under direction of Miss Nunes, Miss Dilts accompanist, gave the regular Fourth-Sunday program.

We were very glad last Thursday to welcome some friends of President and Mrs. Hosack who stopped on their way to Florida—Mr. and Mrs. George Wilhelm, and Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilhelm of East Liverpool, Ohio.

Wednesday of this week Miss Foresman attended the opening exercises of the new practice school building at Miles Memorial College in Birmingham.

NOTICE

To the Yadkin Presbyterial: We are now in the fourth quarter of our year's work and hope we realize just where we are. We are earnestly hoping that all apportionments are up to date and we will be sure to reach our goal. If you do not know just what your Society's apportionment is, will you please correspond with our treasurer, Mrs. W. P. Donnell, Box 327, Mebane, and she will tell you just what it is; and if you have paid some, she can tell you how much more is due. Please let us look forward to a grand climax of this year's work by March 15. If there is any way I can serve you further, will you be sure to write me, please.

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THE CROWD?

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In the second place, when one finds that personality is crushed, he should desert those who are responsible. There is a tendency for some crowds to crush that which is best in us. We are afraid to initiate big movements, gives ideas to Christian Endeavor or Sunday school in the form of talks, or take part in the choir. We are afraid of criticism. The fear of criticism keeps us from being ambitious. When initiative and ambition are lost, we are not up and doing. We do not get an opportunity to exercise our abilities. We soon become lazy and indolent. Discouragement keeps us from planning, studying, thinking and working. Finally, we become narrow. We are crushed. We should never let ourselves, our personalities be crushed by the crowd. We must be men and women who stand for something worth while.

In the third place, when the standards of society can be improved and we are able to improve them, we should then break away from the crowd. Progress itself means breaking away from present conditions. Prosperity means trying the new which is better than the old. Freedom of women meant breaking away from the convention of keeping women in the background. Science meant the downfall of superstition. We shall make our places in the world according as to how much we do as individuals. We must be original thinkers, improve the standards of our fellowmen, construct something to the welfare of others. But to do this means breaking away from the crowd. It means to accept nothing from anyone, unless it is the best; to tolerate nothing but the purest, to seek nothing but the noblest and the right.

Permit me to repeat in conclusion these words of the poet:

"'Tis not what you get, but what you give;
'Tis not what you say but how you live,
Giving the world the love it needs
Living a life of noble deeds.
'Tis not whence you came, but whither bound;
'Tis not what you have or whither found.
Strong for the right, the pure, and true;
These are the things worth while."

CALVARY CHURCH, WINNSBORO, S. C.

Sunday, January 26, was Communion day. In the morning, our pastor, Rev. G. M. Ulmer, chose for his text Luke 18: 8, "When the Son of Man does come, will he find faith on the earth?" He preached a soul-stirring sermon and the church was filled with the Holy Spirit.

After the sermon we had communion and baptism. Our pastor baptized 12 children. The morning offering was \$11.50

Again at night Rev. Ulmer preached another soul-stirring sermon using for his text Luke 18:23, "Then Peter said, Lo, we have left all and followed thee." His subject was "One Hundred Per Cent." The services throughout the day were at high water mark.

We were very glad to see Mrs. Jessie Russell, who has been sick for two weeks, able to be out Sunday morning, and evening.

ELDER J. W. McDOWELL.