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DEATH OF WIDOW OF FIRST PRESIDENT OF BIDDLE UNIVERSITY

News reached us a few days ago of the passing of Mrs. Nannie Alexander at her home in Millerstown, Penn. Mrs. Alexander, widow of the Rev. S. C. Alexander, the first President of Biddle (now Johnson C. Smith) University, was a native of Mecklenburg County, the same county in which Johnson C. Smith University is located. The death of Mrs. Alexander reminds us of that host of saintly men and women who came South directly after the Civil War as missionary preachers and teachers among the colored people.

The great achievements of the Negro race in this country during the past half century have been due largely to the religious and educational foundation laid by the sacrificing services of those consecrated missionaries from the North who labored earnestly in the South for the emancipation of the Negro race from the bondage of sin and ignorance. God forbid that Afro-Americans will ever forget their debt of gratitude to these servants of God, who, out of their love for God and humanity, contributed so much to the higher emancipation of the race.

BETTER BEHAVIOR IN SCHOOLS

In response to many requests which have come for information about the activities on law observance, Secretary J. W. Crabtree, of the National Education Association, today issued the following statement:

"At the request of President Hoover's Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement the National Education Association arranged to co-operate with its plan to get facts which would show behavior conditions in the high schools of the country comparing 1920 with 1930. It will be some time before this work is completed but enough reports have come to show that conditions in the high schools are much better than in 1920, with respect to drinking and to general behavior. This is doubly significant in view of the fact that high school enrollment has grown since 1920 from two million to more than five million students—an achievement unparalleled in any country or in all history. Many of the three million additional students who have sought a high school education within the decade have come from poorer homes where in former times drinking was a heavy burden on the family income. Unquestionably the Eighteenth Amendment has benefited the schools beyond measure.

The President's Commission on Law Observance and Enforcement is composed of citizens of outstanding ability and of the highest ideals. It has the confidence of the people of this country and is to be congratulated upon its efforts to get the facts.

A CALL TO THE MINISTERS AND ELDERS AND MEMBERS OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

To the ministers, elders, deacons, and all church workers and members of Catawba Presbytery, Greetings:

Dear brother ministers and elders: May I call your attention to the benevolence of your church budget? Our ecclesiastical year is almost gone, and we are far behind in our pledges. The General Agencies of the Church are badly embarrassed for the want of funds to carry out the Church's program. They are depending upon every church and every member in the church to pay up his or her pledges with fidelity.

We have appointed the first and second Sundays in March as the "Pledge Up and Pay Up Weeks" for Catawba Presbytery. Make these Sundays "The Red Letter Days" for the Boards of the Church. I am depending upon every minister and every elder in the Presbytery to put forth every effort to raise his church quota. Let every one rally to the cause and standards of our Grand Old Church. Keep your eyes on the first and second Sundays in March. The whole Church is depending on you. For your information please find below the name of your church and the amount pledged. Remember our Church year closes March 31st and all pledges should be paid before that time. Send all money to the Board immediately after collections.

Most cordially yours,
L. J. MELTON,
Chairman of Committee on Program and Field Activities.

BENEVOLENCE QUOTAS FOR 1929-1930

Henderson Grove	\$ 78.65
Love's Chapel	110.11
Biddleville	211.64
Brandon	211.64
Brooklyn	183.04
Church Street	1535.01
Seventh Street	511.94
Ben Salem	104.59
Emanuel	48.62
Lloyd	78.65
McClintock	273.13
Miranda	80.08
Murkland	117.26
Mt. Olive	268.84
Siloam	75.79
St. Paul	111.54
Woodland	197.34
New Hope	42.90
Westminster	151.58
Cedar Grove	185.90
Bethesda	34.32
Bellefonte	271.70
Dulatown	75.79
Third Street	102.96
St. James	21.45
Huntersville	144.43
Caldwell	164.45
Bethpage	207.35
Fairview	28.60
Good Hope	57.20
Lincolnton	57.20
Rankin	21.45
Lisbon Springs	22.88
Trinity	27.17
Matthews Chapel	67.21
Black's Memorial	95.81
Green Street	17.16
Bethlehem	107.25
Ebenezer	67.21
New Hampton	247.39
Lawrence Chapel	54.34
Wilson Street	41.47
Friendship	21.45
Lowry Memorial	57.20
Bethel	85.80
Shiloh	82.94
Mt. Pisgah	44.33
Jackson Grove	72.93
Total	\$5,622.76

SPEAKERS AT UNIVERSITY CHURCH

The speakers at Johnson C. Smith University church, Sunday, February 16, were the Rev. G. G. M. James at 11 o'clock, and Mr. O'Neil, Y. M. C. A. Secretary of Davidson College, at the vesper service at 4 P. M.

RESOLUTIONS OF ANNUAL WORKERS' CONFERENCE

Rev. J. M. Gaston and Members of the Workers' Conference:

We, your committee on resolutions, wish to submit the following:

Year after year, our conference is becoming more and more a potent factor in our church and school work. It is a clearing house for all our problems. It is a recognized source of information and inspiration. Here we bring and discuss our individual problems as well as the problems of the Church generally.

We shall return, this year, to our respective fields with new zeal and a rededication of ourselves to our Master's cause. Our attention has been called to the approaching celebration of the birth of the Church—Pentecost. We are asked to approach the day, June 7, on our knees, praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is the source, the only source of individual power, as well as power of the Church without which the Church can not go forth.

Be it resolved, first: That, with humble gratitude, we thank God for Johnson C. Smith University, and honor and adore the sacred memory of the late Mrs. Johnson C. Smith, who made it possible for us to have this outstanding plant, with physical equipment unsurpassed by any school in the South for our group.

Be it resolved, secondly: That this conference, because of its Pentecostal direction, has made a marked impression upon us which we pledge shall not be in vain.

Be it resolved, third: That we accept the challenge this university has presented us. The challenge is to direct the youth of our group to this place to enjoy these excellent and unsurpassed advantages. Especially do we pledge ourselves to use our influence to send here young men inclined to the ministry. That we view, with alarm, the decrease in the number of young men entering this holy calling.

Be it resolved, fourth: That we reaffirm our heart-felt thanks and deep appreciation of the work that Dr. Gaston and his co-workers are doing for the uplift of our people, and pledge them our full and unstinted support in their efforts.

Be it resolved, fifth: That we thank Dr. and Mrs. McCrorey, the faculty of Johnson C. Smith University, our Baptist and Methodist friends, the Ladies Missionary Society for their courtesies; Mrs. Snively for leaving a sick bed to be with us and to give us the inspiration that always comes from her; the young men of Johnson C. Smith University choir; Dr. Long and Prof. Peyton for their splendid music; the quartette of Coulter Memorial and the students of Dr. Dockery's school for their renditions; friends for the use of their cars to show us around the city, and all others who have aided in giving us the splendid entertainment that we have received.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. Long, Chairman,
C. J. Baker,
G. C. Shaw.

MRS. MINNIE ALEXANDER DIES IN PENNSYLVANIA

(From The Charlotte Observer, Friday, February 14.)

Relatives in Mecklenburg County have been advised of the death in Millerstown, Penn., of Mrs. Annie Price Alexander. Mrs. Alexander was a native of Mecklenburg County and was the eldest daughter of Thomas B. Price. She was the widow of Rev. S. C. Alexander, who was at one time pastor of Steel Creek church. Rev. Mr. Alexander was later instrumental in the establishment of Biddle University in Charlotte, and for a time served as President of the institution.

Friends writing Mrs. J. L. Hollowell should address her at Redstone Academy, Lumberton, N. C., where she is teaching.

TESTIMONIAL IN HONOR OF PRESIDENT McCROREY

Cards reading as follows have been sent to friends of Johnson C. Smith University:

THE FACULTY AND STUDENTS

of
Johnson C. Smith University
request the honor of your presence at
A PUBLIC TESTIMONIAL
to be given in honor of their
President, Dr. Henry Lawrence McCrorey's
BIRTHDAY ANNIVERSARY
Saturday Evening, March first, nineteen hundred thirty
Seven thirty
Biddle Memorial Hall
R. S. V. P. to
T. E. McKinney
J. C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.

BARBER COLLEGE NOTES

Marion Wharton

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Hosack, Miss Verner and Miss Hoag attended the Workers' Conference in Charlotte, N. C. Miss Verner spent the week-end at Scotia Seminary, and with friends in Concord. The other three returned Friday night, having visited Scotia Seminary, Spelman College, and Atlanta University on the way back.

During the absence of President Hosack, chapel services were conducted by different members of the faculty. Interesting talks and special music by the College Quartette were some of the features enjoyed.

Vivid and interesting reports and impressions from the Conference were brought to us each morning of the following week. Miss Verner also reported her visit to Scotia.

Miss Mamie Taylor spent the week beginning February 5th visiting her home in Cordele, Ga., and attending the Missionary Conference. On Wednesday night following her return the prayer circles all met in the chapel to hear her report from the Conference. Miss Taylor has already received her appointment for full-time Sabbath School Missionary service as soon as she has completed her college course.

The Lincoln Day Program sent out by the Board of National Missions was used for the opening service of Sabbath school, February 9th. The program this year, including a beautiful pageant, was prepared by Miss Bessie Mayle, a former Barber College student. The offering was \$12.00.

On Monday night, the 10th, one of the best programs of the year was given in the form of a W. C. T. U. Silver Medal contest on the general theme, "World Peace." The classes represented in the contest were the High School Seniors and Juniors. The sponsors were Miss Shaw and Miss Moke. The program was as follows:

Invocation, President Hosack.
Music, "Russian National Hymn." Audience.
Governments and the Next War, Claudia Hargrave.
Shall We End War? Ida Mae Kennedy.
Music, College Quartette.
The True Grandeur of Nations, Artis Burney.
National Honor and Peace, Hattie Mae Powers.
Awarding of medal.
Music, "America," Audience.
Benediction, Rev. C. W. Freeland.

The judges for the contest were Miss Elizabeth Freeland, Rev. J. E. Stauffer, and Dr. George H. Leyden. They praised the work of all the contestants, and awarded the medal to Corene Bell with honorable mention of Claudia Hargrave.

PRESBYTERY OF LEVERE

The Presbytery of Le Vere will convene with the Rice Presbyterian church, Newport, Tennessee, April 9, 1930, 7:30 P. M. Reports of all standing committees are expected, and the sessional records are to be presented at this meeting.

All persons who plan to attend the Presbytery will please notify Mrs. J. M. Rice, Newport, Tennessee, so that entertainment may be arranged.

Gratefully yours,
W. C. HARGRAVE, S. C.

ST. JAMES CHURCH, GREENSBORO

By Mrs. T. B. Jones

The Woman's Missionary Society met last week at the home of Mrs. E. B. Meares. At this meeting all the officers were re-elected with two exceptions: Mrs. G. A. Bridges was elected Secretary of Missionary Education, and Mrs. T. B. Jones was elected reporter to succeed Mrs. E. B. Meares, who resigned.

Too much credit cannot be given our President, Mrs. W. I. McNair, Sr., who this year begins her 12th year as our leader. Through these years she has guided us and by her untiring efforts and manifest interest has won the hearty cooperation of all the members of the Society.

The lovely home of Mrs. Carrie R. Holt was the scene of much merriment on February 14th. The Missionary Society sponsored a Valentine Party in their efforts to secure funds for the treasury. Various games were introduced by Mrs. G. A. Bridges, after which a delicious salad course was served.

One of the most enjoyable features of our regular Sabbath day services was the singing of the Junior choir. Under the direction of Mrs. Sarah Barber these young people are making an enviable record. It is an inspiration to see how wholeheartedly they worship with song.

Under the auspices of the Lucy Laney Circle a tea was given Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. L. McNair, Sr.

The sympathy of the entire church goes out to Mrs. Louise Meares, one of our most faithful members and workers, who lost her father, Mr. Wm. H. Jones, recently. Mr. Jones was for many years a deacon in the Congregational church of Mebane. That he was respected and loved by both races was evidenced at his funeral. Had Mr. Jones lived one week longer he would have been eighty years old.

BRAINERD INSTITUTE NEWS

Beginning Monday morning, February 10th, Brainerd students and teachers spent the entire week giving and sharing information among themselves concerning Negro accomplishments. After a careful study of Negro literature, various classes planned the programs which had the following themes: For Monday the First Year class rendered a program, "The Negro in Business;" Tuesday, "The Negro in Music;" was rendered by the Second Year class; "The Negro in Literature and Art" was given Wednesday by the Third Year class; "The Negro in Defense of the Country" was given by the Fourth Year class Thursday morning; and Friday, the Grammar grades rendered a program which exemplified an appreciation of Abraham Lincoln, and for some outstanding accomplishments of our own race.

At eight o'clock Friday evening, a community program, a continuation of the observance of Negro History Week, was given in chapel. Aside from the members of the faculty, the following persons made excellent addresses: Mrs. S. L. Finley, of this city, spoke on the subject, "Some Achievements of Negro Women." Mr. S. E. Spann, a

successful business man of this

city, spoke on "Some of the Negro Achievements in Business." Prof. A. A. Adair spoke on "Some of the Negro's Religious Advancements." Mrs. J. D. Martin and Prof. H. B. Walker discussed "The Negro in Home-Making," and "The Relative Importance of Athletics to Negro Development."

It is hoped this series of programs will be the means of arousing enthusiasm and race consciousness in each one of our students. Such information may encourage one to strive for heights not attained by our ancestors. Each literary class made a contribution which will be sent to the Board of National Missions.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, the celebration of Negro History Week was concluded with a program given in chapel by a number of girls and boys from our Sabbath school. The pageant, "The Awakening," by Miss Bessie Mayle, was well rendered and interpreted by the Brainerd students.

At 8 o'clock, Monday evening, Carmel Presbyterian church presented Mr. William Charles Harris in a dramatic recital in the Martha Tweed Chapel. Mr. Harris, an artist in dramatics, gave an appreciative audience wit, humor and pathos, which held the interest of everybody and brought many eclats also. The program given by Mr. Harris was as follows:

Music, Y. M. C. Quartette.
The Young Man Waited.
The Cremation of Sam McGhee.

The Soul of the Violin.
Johnnie Reads the News.
Music, Instrumental Trio.
Little Orphan Annie.
The Maniac.
The Hen.
Gunga Din.
The Face on the Floor.
Music.
Dunbar Selection.
(a) In the Morning.
(b) Case of Caline
Turning of the Children in the Bed.
Little Brown Baby.
Music.

We are always glad to have talented persons in our midst, and Brainerd's chapel is open to Mr. Harris any time he desires to give a program.

CALVARY AND SHILOH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES, WINNSBORO, S. C.

The Winnsboro field is moving on nicely. All the members are kept busy in church and daily pursuits. The most courteous and beloved undertaker, Elder A. Russell, has been kept busy this week. He has had ten funerals this week which he conducted with order and dignity.

Mr. J. P. Glenn is busy in the rock quarry shipping stone to all parts of the country.

The funeral service of Miss Carrie P. Henry were conducted at the Calvary Presbyterian church, Winnsboro, February 4, at 3 o'clock. The Rev. G. M. Ulmer, the pastor, officiated. He was assisted by Rev. J. R. Dungee, of Ridgeway, and Revs. T. W. Dixon and F. Gunter, of Winnsboro. Rev. Ulmer used for his text, "Her sun is gone down while it is yet day." Jer. 15:9, subject, "Life in the midst of death." Miss Henry was a member of Calvary Presbyterian church. At the time of her death she was a teacher in the Richardson school. She was a faithful member. She left to mourn their loss one sister, three brothers and many relatives and friends.

Friday afternoon the funeral of Rev. A. C. Johnson was conducted at Calvary Presbyterian church. The officiating minister was Rev. L. B. West, D. D., of Charlotte, N. C. He was assisted by Rev. G. M. Ulmer, pastor of Calvary church; Dr. M. J. Jackson, of Ebenezer church, Dalzell, S. C.; Dr. W. J. Nelson, pastor of Goodwill church, Mayesville, S. C.; Rev. W. T. Bruton, pastor Melina church Sardinia, S. C.; Rev. J. R. Dungee, pastor of Lebanon Presbyterian church, Ridgeway, and Rev. F. Gunter. Rev. Johnson lived to the ripe old age of 75 years.

February 9th was our regular
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