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A NEGRO LAYMAN WHO SERVED WELL IN HIGH PLACES

The career of Dr. I. Garland Penn, who died in July, illustrates impressively the capacity of the Negro to do administrative work in a large sphere. Dr. Penn, a layman, was for many years the outstanding Negro in the Methodist Episcopal Church, North, and held several positions of honor and trust. Dr. Kelly Miller, in an appraisal of his services, says:

"Dr. Penn served his Church in more varied capacities than any other Negro has had the privilege to do. For thirty-five years he has stood out foremost among the race as the exponent of the benefit to the Negro of contact and connection with such a high-powered organization as the Methodist Episcopal Church. He enlisted in the cause as a young man full of the ardor and devotion of youth. His zeal abated no whit down to the hour of his departure. I visited him in his last illness in February, and was struck with his loyalty to his Church as his ruling passion, strong in death. He was a member of ten General Conferences, a record, which, I understand, is unequalled in recent Methodist history. Assistant Secretary, Epworth League; Corresponding Secretary, Board of Education; Educational Secretary of Endowments and Field Service; Trustee of the principal colleges of the connection; the only Negro member of the joint Conference on the union of Northern and Southern branches of the Methodist Episcopal Church; and member of the Commission on Interdenominational Relations, are some of the assignments which show in what a wide range of functions he was called upon to serve and the high confidence in which he was held by the ruling powers of the denomination. In all of his intimate contacts and connections, neither white nor colored contingent could ever say that he did not keep the faith."

Before the foundation of the earth some were "chosen in Christ." Yes, that is the doctrine of election, there is no doubt about it. I had a man to say to me once that he quit going to church when he was told that "God wholesales men to hell." I explained to that man that he had a wrong conception of the doctrine of election and that God does not "wholesale men to hell," but what this doctrine teaches is that God looked upon a race that was lost and had He not done something about it the whole race would have gone to hell. And who dares to say that God did not know what to do to prevent this?—Dr. William Anderson.

CATAWBA SCHOOL OF METHODS NOTES

By Frank C. Shirley

This year marks the tenth anniversary of our School of Methods. On Wednesday night of the Convention week we will pause to give recognition to this occasion. The ceremony will not be as elaborate as we had planned, yet it will be impressive and fitting.

Three addresses on the following subjects will feature the anniversary service: "Looking Back on Ten Years of Leadership Training in Catawba Synod," "An Estimate of the School of Methods From a Pastor's Viewpoint," "Looking Ahead for Another Ten Years."

We have asked Dr. A. B. McCoy, Rev. H. Wilson, and Mr. J. M. Somerndike to be the speakers. Dr. McCoy will discuss the first subject, Rev. Wilson the second, and Mr. Somerndike the third. All of these speakers have had intimate contact with the School of Methods from its infancy and know of its past accomplishments and its future possibilities. So a real treat is in store for us on Anniversary Night.

From present indications St. James, of Greensboro, will have the largest delegation; their plan calls for 30. Hurray! for St. James. The wide-awake Brooklyn church will lead the delegation from Charlotte—there will be no reduction in their delegation due to "hard times." Word comes from Rev. J. Metz Rollins, the energetic pastor of Carver Memorial, and Secretary of the Convention, that this Newport News church will have five delegates. This is living up to the fine record of this progressive church; this is another church that has not surrendered to "hard times." Registrations have come also from Haymount church, in Fayetteville. It is fine to have this grand old historic church represented at our meeting. Congratulations, Rev. Davis!

From Shady Side church Dr. and Mrs. Rankin will come and they always bring some one with them; so Shady Side's colors will be waving high as usual.

Of course, from the nearby churches, such as Timothy Darling, Davie Street, Mt. Pisgah, St. Paul, etc., we are looking for the usual large delegation. These are our last notes for 1930 and may we remind the delegates to bring toilet articles such as soap, towels, etc., besides two sheets and pillow cases. Blankets will be furnished by the school if needed. Remember if you do not bring bed linen you must pay for the use of it, because the school is not supposed to furnish bed linen free.

Dr. Savage, our host, is looking forward to our coming with interest. His entire force is sparing no pains to make our stay pleasant while we are there. Those who attended last year know that the sentiment of welcome pervaded the whole atmosphere at Albion. We are still hearing sweet echoes of the genial hospitality extended us. That makes us anxious to "Hurry Back."

We want to again thank the Afro-American Presbyterian for the liberal space allotted to us for our notes each week. Through this medium we have been able to reach a large number of people because of the wide circulation of the paper. To our readers we say we hope to clasp your hands at beautiful Albion on Monday afternoon, August 25th. Till then we bid you adieu.

In speaking of "Some of our Schools" in last week's paper we unintentionally omitted Ingleside Seminary. Our purpose was not to mention all of our schools, but to refer to those which have announcements in the paper. Ingleside is doing a splendid work and Dr. and Mrs. Alter are held in high regard as "lifters" in the field of education.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF NEGRO TAILORS

Richmond, Va., Aug. — (By The Associated Negro Press.) Bringing to a close what the officers declare was the most helpful convention in its history the National Association of Negro Tailors, Designers, and Dressmakers, Inc., selected Boston as the seat of the 12th annual convention the first week of August, 1931. So pleased were the delegates and visitors with the way the Richmond convention committee had planned and handled the meeting that they elected the local chairman, Carey Wheaton, National President for the ensuing year, J. H. Hayton, Vice-President, Philadelphia, Pa.; J. Arthur Harris, 4th Vice-President, Philadelphia, Pa.; they also elected the local secretary, J. L. Loving, one of the Vice-Presidents. Mrs. M. J. Green, of Hartford, Conn., and C. C. Poole, Henderson, N. C., are the other Vice-Presidents; M. K. Tyson, Burlington, N. C., was re-elected National Executive Secretary, and J. R. Jones, Tuskegee, Alabama, re-elected Treasurer. J. B. Willis, of Richmond, was made Supervising General Officer and Mrs. Bessie Bagley Earle, of Brooklyn, was made National Fashion Director.

Although the number of delegates and visitors present this year was less than last year, the discussions and demonstrations were such as to be of definite value to those engaged in the needle trades, as well as the fields of dyeing and cleaning. This year's Fashion Show was easily voted the best one ever held and Mesdames Clark and Jones, of Philadelphia, the National Fashion Directors, and Mesdames A. L. Chatman and Ella Carter, of Richmond, who assisted them, deserve especial credit for the event.

The entertainment features of the Convention, handled by R. Pollard and his committee, added much to the pleasure of the delegates. The delegates' supper on Monday night, the residential Staff Reception on Tuesday night were affairs which will linger long in the memory of the visitors.

REWARD OFFERED FOR TUSKEGEE NURSE'S SLAYER

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama, Aug. 11. (By The Associated Negro Press.) A reward of \$500 is being offered by the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who murdered Mary S. Booth on the Institute campus here on the evening of August 11. Persons having such information are asked to communicate directly with Sheriff C. P. Powell, of Tuskegee.

Miss Booth, who was superintendent of nurses at the Institute Hospital, and sister of Mrs. Robert R. Moton, wife of Tuskegee's principal, was slain on the campus not far from the hospital. Her assassin escaped, leaving no clues which point to his identity. School and county authorities are co-operating and using every possible means in the effort to discover and arrest the murderer.

Dr. James E. Jackson recently gave up the pastorate of Grape Street Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, and has accepted a call to the Presbyterian church at Kansas City, Mo. He and Mrs. Jackson and their six children spent Sunday in Charlotte as guests of Mrs. P. P. Sanders. They were enroute to Dr. Jackson's new field of labor. Their purpose South was to visit relatives before going West. They had stopped in Washington, D. C., and in Rocky Mount, N. C., and left Charlotte expecting to visit Gastonia, and Columbia, McConnellsville and Blackville in South Carolina, and thence through Tennessee and to their destination. Dr. Jackson's first wife was Miss Alberta Sanders. There are two children of that union.

Nature has a way of waiting, but her law enforcement never fails.

NOTES FROM YADKIN DISTRICT MEETING

The twenty-second annual meeting of the Western District of Yadkin Presbyterian was held in Mt. Vernon Presbyterian church, Rev. L. M. Onque, pastor, July 31-August 1.

This was quite an interesting meeting from the fact that it was strongly backed up by all the ministers of the Western District. Ministers who were present and took active parts in the discussions were: Dr. B. F. Murray, Revs. L. M. Onque, W. A. Hawkins, J. M. Morton, J. G. Murray and H. N. Sullivan.

Other corresponding members of the meeting were Rev. Richard Chambers, of Cedar Grove; Rev. Terrell, of Mocksville, and Dr. W. J. Rankin, of Lexington. We could scarcely call Dr. Rankin a visitor from the fact that he was at home and among his people. Mrs. Rankin, Miss Cooper and Mrs. Sullivan, of Lexington, and Mrs. Chambers, and Mr. Blair, of Cedar Grove, sat as corresponding members and gave very helpful talks.

The Consecration Service was led by Mesdames B. F. Murray and J. M. Morton. Theme, "Our Love for Jesus," St. John 21:14-19. This subject was beautifully discussed by Revs. J. G. Murray, W. A. Hawkins, J. M. Morton and Mrs. M. L. Neely.

Next came the enrollment. Twenty-five delegates were enrolled. We have 15 churches in the Western District. Each is allowed two delegates. There were representatives from all the churches save three. We are hoping that at our next meeting which will be in Broad Street church, Statesville, every church will be represented.

Reports from the churches were the best we have ever had. Some churches have paid their quotas in full, namely, Allen's Temple, Broad Street and Tradd Street.

The officers were re-elected one who could not be present on account of illness in the family. Mrs. A. D. Lord was elected instead.

Some of the topics discussed were: "The Future Missionary Society" by Miss Morrison. This paper was a beautiful discussion of the topic from the fact that Miss Morrison is a young woman herself.

Another paper, "Sincere Prayer," by Miss Mae Alma Phifer, was very good. Other papers were: "Love, the Greatest Energy Known," by Mrs. Annie Griffin; "How Can We Stimulate Greater Interest in Home Mission Work?" Mrs. Annie Cowan; "What Should Be the Aim of the Missionary Societies in the Church?" Mrs. Maggie Brown.

"What Church Women Can Do To Bring About More Christian Attitude in Regards to Race Relations" was led by Mrs. Lord, who based most of her thoughts upon noble women of the Bible, such as Hannah, Ruth, Esther and Deborah.

Mrs. Onque spoke of the modern women such as the Red Cross Women.

Greetings were given by Mrs. M. L. Neely, and the response was given by Miss Aurelia Young.

There was a recitation by Mrs. A. T. Dockery, and solos by Mrs. J. L. Hollowell, of Statesville, and Mrs. Richie, of Salisbury.

Our entertainment was grand. Rev. and Mrs. Onque and their people, of Mt. Vernon, assisted by the sister churches, Cedar Grove, Ervin's Chapel, and New Shepherd, spared no pains in making it pleasant for us.

A fountain pen with initials engraved thereon was presented to the President.

The amount of money collected was \$14.80. Five dollars was given to the auxiliary of Mt. Vernon. A splendid program was rendered by the young people.

The Mt. Vernon and District choirs rendered excellent music.

A real good report of the Conference for Women, held in Winston-Salem, was made by Mrs. L. B. Doulin.

MRS. B. F. MURRAY, Leader. MRS. M. S. COWAN, Cor. Sec.

DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

With an attendance and interest that far surpassed the expectation of the workers and the most ardent and enthusiastic supporters of the movement, the Vacation Church School held at East Vine Avenue Presbyterian, Knoxville, Tenn., was a tremendous success. The two weeks' sessions were climaxed with a program that enabled the large audience to visualize the work done each day in the school. It made a "hit" for the Vacation Church School movement as well as for the faculty of the local school, members of which gave of their time and services voluntarily and unsparringly.

Starting out with the decision to sacrifice numbers for efficiency and to limit the enrollment to a number that space and equipment would justify, the management was forced to extend the limit more than once and to send out an emergency call for additional teachers. The response was astonishing and pleasing. The demand for admission became so popular and so insistent that we were compelled to steel our hearts and deafen our ears to the applicants, both parents and children. From fifty it went to seventy-five, and finally to a hundred and seven; over doubling the original number we planned to have, and with many denied the privilege they sought. It was pathetic to see them go, especially as they would shed tears of disappointment when leaving. One girl refused to go, accompanying her refusal with tears and the words "If I had known it before I would have been here before." Recognizing his share of the responsibility for her not knowing because the school had not been advertised before hand, fearing too large an enrollment if advertised, the director surrendered.

Having a teaching force of more than ordinary ability the school was able to function smoothly and to do a very effective and efficient piece of work. The teachers directed their efforts towards correlation. In fact, correlation was one of the big ideas in the plan of the faculty who regarded it as an effective means of getting the Church School program across. And it was a treat to see it done. Of course, it called for preparation co-operation and some hard work.

Personnel of Faculty
 Reference has already been made to the spirit of the faculty. Now for their names, and so forth: Misses Lou Emma Henry, Anetta Pickett, Portia Mae Russell, graduates of Knoxville College, and teachers in our city schools; Mrs. Inza B. McAdoo, another graduate of Knoxville College, and a former teacher in the Alcoa High School; Mrs. Ethel M. Downer, a graduate of Scotia and Principal of the Sam E. Hill School. These were instructors in the Beginners', Primary, Junior and Intermediate Departments. Mrs. Mamie H. Fowler was instructor in the art department and Miss Dorothy Vance was in charge of the music.

Dr. S. A. Downer was pastor-director and was loud in his praise of the spirit of the pupils and teachers and the excellent co-operation he received from them and the community.

On the closing day a picnic was tendered the school at the Cal F. Johnson Park where an abundance of lunches, punch and ice cream was served. This treat was the contribution of the following public spirited citizens and business firms: Messrs. Nathan Dogan, A. A. Felding, William Lee, Carter-Roberts Pharmacy Co., Walker's Grocery Store, C. D. Kenny and A. & P. Store Co., and J. Horne and Co. The director of the school, and his co-workers and the children are grateful to them for their kindness.

Prize Winners
 To stimulate interest in memorizing the Scriptures during the period set apart for that phase of the work prizes were awarded to those that excelled in that department and Bible study. The following are the prize winners in each department:

ment: Beginners, Dorothy Johnson; Primary, _____; Junior, Lucius Ross, Louise Young; Intermediate, Sarah Lawson Ross.

182 ENROLLED IN DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT HIGH POINT

The Annual Daily Vacation Bible School was held at the Cherry Street Presbyterian church, 208 N. Perry Street, this city, from June 30th, through July 11th. There were fifteen officers of administration and instruction, an instructor and instruction, who rendered their service free for the promotion of the work of the school. 182 children were enrolled.

The officers of administration and instruction were: Mrs. Geneva B. Ingram, principal and directress of religious education; Mrs. Fannie B. Kirk, assistant principal and head of the kindergarten department; Miss Ionia Lassiter, associate teacher of the kindergarten department; Miss Bertha Saunders, director of games and play; Mrs. Annie B. Turner, registrar; Mrs. Carrie B. Harris, financial secretary; Mrs. T. Y. Brinchfield, director of missionary education and head of the primary department; Miss Marie N. Graves, pianist; Misses Thelma Drake, assistant pianist; Miss Elizabeth E. Perry, directress of music and head of the Junior department; Miss Ethel Walker, head of the intermediate department; Mrs. Susie Hoover, art teacher; Miss Minnie Ware, domestic art teacher; Rev. C. H. White, chaplain; Mrs. Birdie Saunders, matron.

The following visitors were registered during the Daily Vacation Bible School: Rev. F. C. Shirley of Charlotte, N. C., director of the Daily Vacation Bible Schools of the Synod of Catawba; Mr. William Wagner, Concord; Dr. J. C. Morgan, Mr. F. L. Blakeney, Mrs. Charles Drake, Mrs. Ora Page, Miss Fannie Ware, Miss Luella McCain, Miss Mary Gregory and Miss Helen Tillman.

The Public program was held on last Thursday evening, the 10th. This program was rendered for the purpose of giving the public a conception of the work that is done in the Vacation Church School. On Friday, the 11th, a social was given for the children. The children were urged to put into practice, the instructions that they received during the Bible School. Cherry Street Presbyterian church feels exceedingly proud of the splendid cooperation of the officers of administration and instruction gave for the promotion of the Daily Vacation Bible School.

Mrs. G. A. Bridges of St. James Presbyterian church, Greensboro, addressed the C. E. Society on Sunday evening, July 26th.

Our delegate to the Sunday School Convention which meets in Mt. Airy, N. C., is Mr. M. L. Black. Others to attend the meeting are Rev. C. H. White and Elder C. W. Robinson.

The Young People's Division of the church plans a pow rally and quartet contest combined for Sunday, August 17th.

Students' Day is to be observed on September 7th.

Mrs. Geneva Ingram is our delegate to the District Missionary meeting which will be held in Winston-Salem at Grace church on August 21st.

Mrs. A. J. Snipe and little nieces, Bessie Snipe and Elouise Boger, are visiting her brother, Mr. D. W. White, in Clarksburg, West Va.

Dr. and Mrs. S. A. Downer, Mrs. Frances Monroe, Mrs. Hatie B. Johnson and Miss Lou Emma Henry, all of Knoxville, Tenn., are visiting Cuba. In a letter from Dr. Downer, dated Havana, Aug. 11, he says the party has had a very delightful trip. He also says they expect to come through Charlotte on their way home.

Mrs. Mamie K. Spaulding, matron of Johnson C. Smith University, left the city last Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Nettie K. Scott, in Washington. She is expecting also to visit other points North.

CORRESPONDENT.