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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John VIII 32.

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JOHNSON C. SMITH-BIDDLE UNIVERSITY ALUMNI CLUB OF CHICAGO GIVES RECEPTION TO DR. MCCROREY

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To the Africo-American Presbyterian:

All Chicago was astir on the night of Friday, August 29, 1930, to do honor to Dr. H. L. McCrorey, President of Johnson C. Smith University, in recognition of his achievement in rebuilding Biddle to a greater Johnson C. Smith University.

Over three hundred Alumni and friends thronged through the unique Edith I. Partee Memorial Chapel in the residence of Dr. H. S. Partee, at 4855 Vincennes Ave. This auditorium is the headquarters for the J. C. Smith-Biddle University Club and was entirely erected and decorated by the actual labor of the hands of Biddle men, up to the pipe organ.

A wonderful musical program was heard before the general reception. The Club's musical director, Rev. O. W. Winkfield, deserves special mention for arranging the program which was partly symbolic.

The audience was seated on two sides of an oval chamber with Dr. H. S. Partee at the Echo Chancel Pipe Organ, representing the spirit of old Biddle in the dim, distant past.

Dr. H. L. McCrorey was seated midway between the Echo Organ and the Sanctuary Organ, representing the bridge between old Biddle and the new Johnson C. Smith University.

At the Sanctuary Organ and Psaltery (combination organ and piano) console was seated Master Clyde Winkfield, 11 year old piano prodigy, son of Rev. O. W. Winkfield.

At the Secretary's desk asleep in the arms of Dr. Levi P. Lawrence was young Allen E. Cephas, Jr., son of the Rev. A. E. Cephas. This scene represented old Biddle guarding the future generations for the greater J. C. Smith University.

The program was as follows:

1. Pipe Organ Solo, Dr. H. S. Partee.

Largo, Handel.

2. Brief facts about Scotia, Miss Jennie Lawrence.

3. J. C. Smith University Song, Rev. O. W. Winkfield.

Winkfield Sentiment Quartet (Audience joining in Chorus)

4. Introduction of Dr. H. L. McCrorey, by Dr. H. S. Partee.

Response by Dr. H. L. McCrorey.

5. Tenor Solo, Mr. L. Williams.

6. Welcome to Visitors, Rev. A. E. Cephas.

7. Piano Solo, Clyde Winkfield.

Prelude in G Minor, Czerwonki.

a. (Concerto) Mendelssohn

b. Spiritus McCrorey (Winkfield.)

8. Presentation of Gift to J. C. Smith University, Dr. Levi P. Lawrence.

Response by Dr. H. L. McCrorey.

9. Soprano Solo, Miss Shirley Brandon, "Have A Little Faith in Me."

10. Welcome from the Club Women of Chicago to Dr. and Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, Mrs. Ida B. Wells-Barnett.

11. Tenor Solo, Dr. A. B. Brooks.

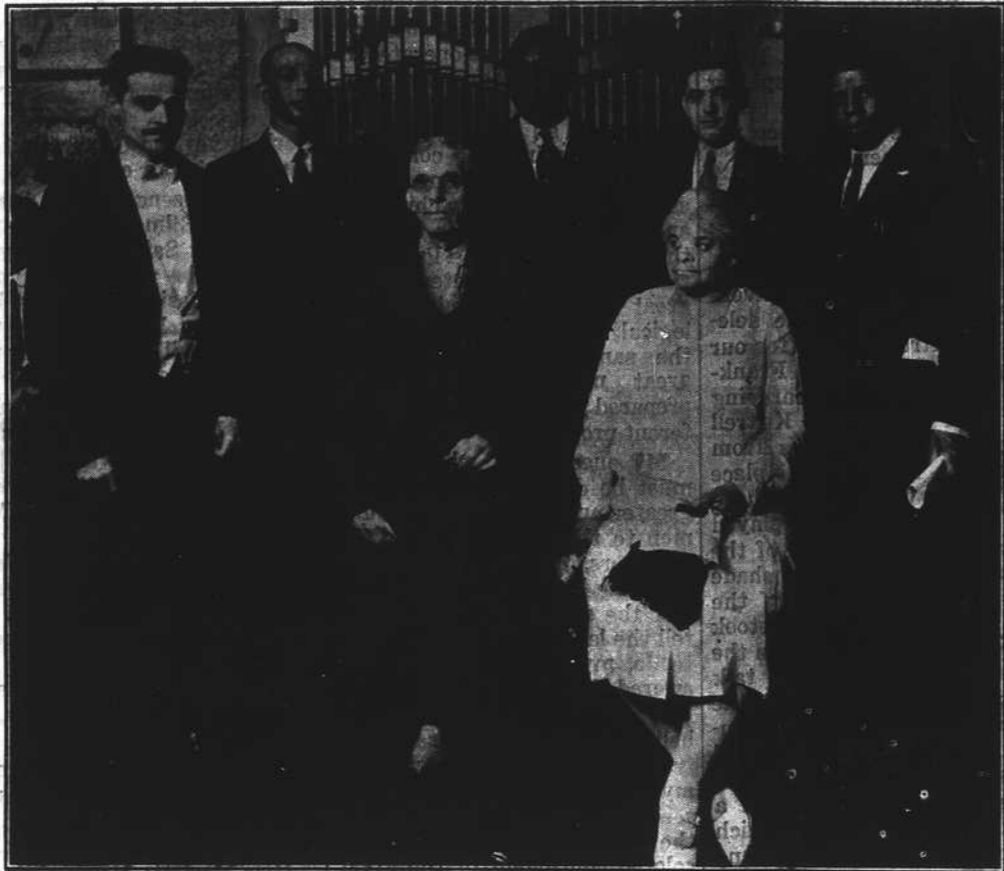
"Sort" a Miss You.

(Complimentary to Mrs. McCrorey, who was unable to be present.)

12. General Reception to the President, Dr. H. L. McCrorey.

DR. H. S. PARTEE, President.

DR. L. E. HAYWOOD, Secretary.



SOME MEMBERS OF THE JOHNSON C. SMITH UNIVERSITY CLUB, OF CHICAGO

Left to right, back row: Dr. Levi P. Lawrence, sitting. Standing—Dr. H. S. Partee, Rev. A. E. Cephas, Rev. O. W. Winkfield, Dr. Arthur A. Partee and Dr. Joseph M. Moore. Front row, sitting—Dr. H. L. McCrorey, guest of the Club, and Mrs. Ida Wells Barnett, Club Mother.

"OUR ALMA MATER—THE PRIDE OF THE SOUTHLAND"

By O. W. Winkfield

Dedicated to Johnson C. Smith University (Formerly Biddle)

1
In dear old North Carolina,
Upon Charlotte's sunlit hill,
There stands our dear Alma Mater,

For fondly we love her still.
Founded back in sixty-seven
With the wealth of life's best joys,
To deal out in stores of knowledge

For inspiring colored boys.

2
Where mild winds of Carolina
Blow over a sacred earth,
There stands our dear Alma Mater

For truly we love her birth.
Founded in the name of Biddle
With the aim of life's high call
To reach out in arms of mercy

For Benignant Brothers—all.

3
Where leaders of Carolina
Shine in splendor and glory,
The pride of our Alma Mater
Shall surely be McCrorey;

Mantled to the head of Biddle
In the hour of greatest myth
To deal out in light his knowledge
Through the new Johnson C. Smith.

CHORUS

Hurrah for our Alma Mater!
Hurrah for the gold and blue!
Where'er in the world we may go,
Our heart will come back to you.

Hurrah for the gold and the blue!
Hurrah for our colors grand!
We'll sing for our Alma Mater,
The pride of Sunny Southland.

SERVICE

There are strange ways of serving God;

You sweep a room or turn a sod,
And suddenly to your surprise,
You hear the whirr of seraphim
And find you're under God's own eyes.

And building palaces for Him.
—Herman Hogedorn in Christian Herald.

MRS. BETHUNE AND PARTY HELD UP BY CUBAN OFFICIALS

Havana, Cuba, Sept.—(By The Associated Negro Press.) Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, famous woman leader of the United States, and President R. P. Sims, of Bluefield Institute, with members of their families, were held back and annoyed when they were to embark at Havana. The Cuban officials later claimed that they acted under suggested wishes of the United States Government officials in harassing and discouraging Negroes from coming into Cuba. Strangely enough this annoyance and harassing does not discriminate between those who are seeking work, as some from Jamaica, and those traveling as tourists and educators, like Dr. Sims and his daughter, and Mrs. Bethune and her grandson, who came as a party from Florida.

President Sims and his daughter, being lighter of skin, were about to be passed by the official, while Mrs. Bethune, being plainly Negro, was being held up. But they made it known that they were all of the same party, and refused to be separated. The firm stand of Mrs. Bethune, and the intervention of a colored family in Cuba, saved the day. But the officer, to save his face, held back their return tickets, for which they had to call later. The Cubans say it is the Americans; the Americans, when you tackle them about it out of the hearing of Cubans, say it is the Cuban government. The Negroes believe the thing inspired by Americans. They had even refused to sell the Simses and Bethunes round trip tickets from Miami, Fla., to Havana, saying it was "orders," and that they were not to "encourage Negroes to go to Cuba."

Four days later than the arrival of the Sims-Bethune party, Williams Pickens was to arrive on the Morro Castle, of the Ward Line, from New York. Mr. Pickens thinks he would have met similar treatment, and would have been threatened with being sent to Tiscornia, the Cuban "Ellis Island," if the Club Atenas had not heard of his coming and made

representations to the Cuban government to prevent any insult or inconvenience being put upon him. The President of the Club, Senor Ramon Valdes, had made representations to the Cuban government and secured the written card of the Commissioner of Immigration that Mr. Pickens would be treated without discrimination upon his arrival. Senor Belisario Hereaux, member of the club, and son of a President of Santo Domingo, came in person to the pier to see that nothing went wrong with their assurances from the government officials of Cuba. Mr. Pickens landed ignorant of what had threatened him and of the action to prevent it, until he met these people after passing off the ship. The Club Atenas the same day extended the uses and courtesies of the Club to Mr. Pickens, including its splendid gymnasium. The Club House was erected a year ago by a Cuban architect, and stands diagonally opposite to the Palace of the Governor of the Province of Havana.

Other colored Americans have recently been treated with great indignity by this American inspired policy. The Rev. Mr. Downing, of Tennessee, and four high school teachers were kept at the Island of Tiscornia several days, and made to pay for the "accommodations." The Contributing Editor of The Associated Negro Press will write a letter to Secretary Stimson, of the State Department in Washington, advising him of the situation and protesting against it. He is also establishing contacts in Cuba among those who will fight for equal rights for Negro tourists. And any colored person planning to visit Cuba is advised to notify William Pickens, contributing editor of The Associated Negro Press, 3423 Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Ill., or the Field Secretary of The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at 69 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. Mr. Pickens can then notify certain people in Havana, and the traveler will get influential assistance if he finds it necessary to fight for his rights when he reaches Cuban ports.

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THE MCCLELLAND PRESBYTERY IN FALL SESSION

The Presbytery of McClelland met with Calvary Presbyterian church, Newberry, S. C., September 4, 1930, at 7:30 P. M. The opening sermon was ator; the Rev. B. H. McFadden, preached by the retiring Moderator, First Cor. 9:21. The sermon was up to the standard and was delivered with force.

The Rev. J. S. Williams, D. D., was chosen Moderator and Rev. H. Y. Kennedy was made Temporary Clerk.

Welcome addresses were made on behalf of the churches of Newberry by Rev. J. C. Smart, and for the schools by Prof. U. S. Galliman. Rev. C. W. Francis, in well chosen words, made the response for the Presbytery.

Corresponding Members

The Revs. G. T. Dillard, D. D., Presbytery of Fairfield; M. C. Bendy, of the Enoree Presbytery; J. W. Carson, D. D., of the Second Presbytery (A. R. P. church); J. C. Smart and J. W. Harper, of the Columbia A. M. E. Conference, and S. C. Campbell, of the Rocky River Baptist Association, were given seats of corresponding members. The above named gentlemen made short and timely.

The Revs. J. H. Toatley and J. S. Williams, D. D., were nominated ministerial commissioners, principal and alternate, respectively, to the next General Assembly, and Elders D. C. Kennedy and C. W. Jones were nominated lay commissioners, principal and alternate, to the next General Assembly.

Dr. G. T. Dillard preached an excellent and practical sermon at the closing session on Friday morning. Dr. Dillard's voice still rings true. He has lost none of his zeal in preaching. He used Matthew 7:2 for his text and he gripped the Presbytery's attention from start to finish as he unfolded the Scriptures in a spiritual and practical manner.

The Rev. J. G. Porter and Elder R. W. Boulware, commissioners to the last General Assembly, brought very fine and satisfactory reports to the Presbytery from the General Assembly. Dr. R. L. Douglass said in his article to the Africo some time ago that some of the colored commissioners were not good "seat warmers at the last General Assembly. I believe he told the truth and I am sorry he did not "bell the cat" and call their names. Unless those brethren were sick or on some committee that was in session at the time the Assembly was transacting its business, they should have been on the job. Rev. Porter and Prof. Boulware were in their seats as evidenced by their splendid reports.

The Chairmen of the Standing Committees of the Boards: Revs. P. A. Flack, D. T. Murray, J. S. Williams, H. Y. Kennedy and J. G. Porter, rendered well written reports. Rev. C. W. Francis was on the job as Chairman of the Committee on Program and Field Activities. From his report the Presbytery fell short of around \$300 for meeting its benevolence budget. This fact is to be regretted. The McClelland Presbytery has been usually taking the lead of all the Presbyteries in the Synod of Atlantic.

Friday evening was given to the Woman's Presbyterial for a popular meeting. The ladies used well their privilege and rendered a splendid program. Mrs. J. H. Toatley, President, presided.

The chairman of the committee on Resolution of Thanks, Rev. E. A. McCorkle, was very profuse in expressing appreciation and thanks to Rev. and Mrs. D. T. Murray, Prof. C. W. Jones and members and friends of the

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SUMTER (S. C.) NEWS

By Correspondent

Sabbath morning, August 24, our pastor, Rev. I. P. Pogue, D. D., preached a soul-stirring sermon as usual. His text was John 18:37. We were urged to make Jesus King in our lives, then go and help others. Rev. Pogue is a wonderful speaker, and is doing a good work at Sumter Second.

School opens on the 8th of September. Dr. Pogue has added to his faculty Miss Lillie Moore, one of our own girls who grew up and was educated at Kendall and then Scotia; also Miss Alma Frasier, A. B., a graduate of Atlanta University, and a daughter of Dr. W. T. Frasier, of Charleston, S. C. We are glad to have these two able young women come into our work.

The Bible School, held for two weeks, under the instruction of Misses Lillie Moore, M. Durin and Harriet Murphy, and Bridie Tindal, was quite a success. These young ladies did good work. There was an enrollment of fifty pupils.

Misses Isabelle McKay, Julia Mae Donnelly and H. N. Usher are out again after being in on account of illness. Misses McKay and Donnelly had to undergo an operation for tonsillitis. We are glad they are out again.

Miss T. L. Frierson was our delegate to the Sunday School Convention which met in Maysville, S. C. Misses Birdie Tindal and Esther Kibler were delegates from the Young People's Society. These young ladies brought glowing reports from the Convention.

Messrs. Joe Frierson, Sam Green and Misses T. L. Frierson, Ernestine Pogue, and Maggie Robinson attended the School of Methods in Augusta.

Dr. L. Bragg Anthony is visiting her brother in Baltimore. We wish for her a pleasant stay and a good rest. She has recently become a member of our church. We welcome her among us.

On last Sunday evening, the following officers were elected in the C. E. Society:

President, Mrs. A. R. Donelley; Vice-President, Miss T. L. Frierson; Secretary, Mr. Joseph Green; Treasurer, Mrs. I. P. Pogue. With such an earnest set of officers our society must continue to grow.

The Light Bearers, under Mesdames I. P. Pogue and M. Nelson, are doing a fine work. Our Sunday school, under the care of its efficient officers, must hold its own. We are now following the plans of our Mr. Joseph Jones for a Model Sunday school.

Among our group who attended summer school were: Misses Edith Jackson, Martha Evans, Mrs. I. P. Pogue and Prof. Chas. White at State College, Orangeburg, S. C.; Miss Lillie Moore, Sumter, and Miss N. I. Davis, Tallahassee, Fla. Dr. L. Bragg Anthony and Miss H. N. Usher were instructors in Sumter County school.

Miss Edith Jackson left for Gaffney on the 29th where she will teach. Miss Jackson has been teaching in Gaffney for several years.

The Sumter-Goodwill-Maysville District Missionary meeting was held August 23 at the Melina Presbyterian church, Sardinia. Quite a number of the young people as well as the older ones were there. Sumter Second, Ebenezer, Congruity and Melina churches were well represented. The meeting was called to order by the President, Mrs. I. P. Pogue. A beautiful song service was conducted by the young people of Melina church. The Scripture lesson (II Cor. 6:1-9.) was read by Miss Edith Williams, and

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