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

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THE ATLANTIC SYNODICAL CONVENTION IN ITS TENTH SESSION, HAINES INSTITUTE, AUGUSTA, GA.

By Rev. J. H. Toatley

Monday evening, August 18, 1930, marked the beginning of the tenth consecutive session of the Atlantic School of Methods.

The musical Director, the Rev. S. Q. Mitchell, Principal of Selden Institute, Brunswick, Ga., in a characteristic manner, moved the conference to lift up their voices and sing as trumpets as if to say, "Hail, Hail, we are all here present before God, to hear all things that are commanded thee of God."

Dean H. M. Scott gracefully presided, and, after fitting introductory remarks, introduced the speaker of the evening, the Rev. W. L. Metz, D. D., President of the Convention, who delivered one of the most interesting annual addresses the conventioners have ever heard. Dr. Metz's message was historic from start to finish, impregnated with reminiscent features of the Convention's struggles in days gone by, and showed what tremendous progress the Convention had made to the present day. Dr. Metz possesses an indelible memory. Historic dates were conversant and at his command. His annual address will be printed and put in pamphlet form. Those desiring a copy of this address may secure it from Dr. A. B. McCoy, Atlanta, Ga.

The Rev. De Witt T. Murray, of Harbison College, Irmo, S. C., was chosen president of the Convention. The Rev. Mr. Murray evidenced his ability and adaptability to the office as he presided over the subsequent sessions.

The Rev. Dr. A. B. McCoy, Director of the Convention, took charge of the Convention at this stage. Just what Dr. McCoy did needs no commendation. He is one that meets the call of duty unassumingly but not without the courage of his convictions and vision. He fits in admirably on most any occasion. His remarks gave the final cue in setting in motion the work of the Convention.

Assembly Period

Each day the first assembly period was used by the Rev. M. L. Bethel, D. D., Associate Chaplain of Tuskegee Institute, who spoke from a general subject, "Teaching the Sunday School Lesson." Dr. Bethel has a fine, analytical trend of mind and his addresses each day on the above stated subject were followed with close attention.

The second assembly period each day was given over to prayer and worship services. Dr. McCoy handled this period with dignity and ease, and the services gave the Convention the real idea of prayer and worship in the church and Sunday school.

Tuesday Evening

This memorable event is always a fine asset in social gathering for all. Nobody was over sixteen summers. These social events are designed to teach the youth that they can have an enjoyable time without indulging in questionable amusements.

Wednesday Evening

Silence not unlike death pervaded the audience when it realized that the time had arrived to memorialize the memory of the late Dean of the Convention, Prof. A. A. Adair. Dr. McCoy, his chieftain and bosom friend, presided. The speakers of the occasion were Prof. R. W. Boulware, Dean of Harbison College, Irmo, S. C., and Miss Marjorie E. W. Smith, of the Colored Division for Missions of the Board of National Missions. Both of these speakers paid due and glowing tribute to the mem-

ory of a most useful and worthy comrade who fell asleep Easter Sunday last. The order of the service was unique in every phase. Miss Helen Jones has the credit for the model arrangement of the memorial services.

Thursday Evening

Thursday evening the Convention listened with pride and interest to an address by Rev. J. W. Holley, D. D., Ph. D., on his recent trip to Africa. Dr. Holley, by nature is an orator of the first rank. His mind is always alert for visions and observations. He portrayed in his speech a burning passion for the saving of souls, especially for the sun-kissed souls of Africa.

Friday and Saturday evenings were in the hands of Miss Helen Jones and Rev. S. Q. Mitchell, respectively. Miss Jones had charge of the young people who portrayed with skill the pageant, "The Awakening," by Miss Bessie Mayle. The musicale, under the direction of the Rev. Mr. Mitchell, was a genuine and real treat to music lovers.

Sunday

The Sunday morning message was delivered by the Rev. S. D. Thom, D. D., Synodical Evangelist. Dr. Thom always brings a message of hope and inspiration. The hearts of men were touched under the spell of the gospel. Following the sermon the Lord's Supper was observed.

The afternoon and evening services were well taken care of through Revs. W. L. Metz, D. D., and J. R. Pearson, D. D. These divines are well known as pulpites and the Convention had spiritual food for thought as the members reluctantly dispersed to their various abodes.

The Model Sunday School was under the direction of Rev. H. M. Scott and Miss Helen Jones. The Reds and the Blues met with high spirit on the play grounds of Haines. There they fought as Trojans for the toga. The Blues were victorious and the captain, Rev. Murray, was presented the cup until the next Convention.

The Revs. J. M. Miller, D. D., and W. B. Woods had charge of the recreational activities.

The Boys' Camp was under the charge of the Rev. W. C. Jones. Rev. Jones is a lover of boys and easily wins the love and respect of the boys. It is marvelous how well he controls the boys. They cling to him. His Boys' Camp and Camp Fire attracted the attention of the Convention. The court-martial and going down the line were interesting features of his work. The Rev. Mr. Jones has spent of his own means for equipment for the Boys' Camp. He is a wonder with the boys.

Quartet from Coulter Academy
This Quartet was the guest of the Convention. The girls are well trained and they do sing and they did sing. Mrs. G. W. Long has traveled through the North and West with the troupe under the Division of Missions for Colored People, and nothing but commendation of the highest type has come to our ears. Miss Williams deserves praise for the trained voices of the girls. The department of the troupe is an index of the fine work Dr. and Mrs. G. W. Long are doing at Cheraw, S. C. Dr. and Mrs. Long have made and are now making themselves felt in the church and school work.

The Convention was without

the presence of Mr. J. M. Somerdyke and Mrs. Agnes Snively. We always feel a keen loss when it is not possible for them to be with us.

Miss Marjorie E. W. Smith came to us for the first time and our hearts were made happy by her presence. She fits into the work with grace and ease. The Convention was charmed with her personality. She is just as interested in the work of the colored people as others who have come to us. She was kept "on the go," visiting several adjacent sections of our work. Miss Smith, come again; we shall look with great anticipation to your return.

The vesper services were conducted by the Rev. M. L. Bethel, D. D., Associate Chaplain of Tuskegee Institute. The Convention was exceedingly fortunate in securing such a high type of man of Christian bearing to lead the Convention to evening prayer. Each evening Dr. Bethel made us feel the presence of him in whom we live and have our being.

Miss Lucy C. Laney, Principal of Haines Institute, makes an ideal hostess and a fine dietician. She is never happier than when she can serve the race of mankind. Miss Trotty is by her side to supplement her every act of kindness.

The Rev. A. C. Griggs was ever solicitous of every need of the Convention. He kept the work of the Convention before the eye of the public through the press, for which the Convention feels very grateful to him. It was a genuine pleasure to us to have him with us for the first time at the Convention.

The Convention had a mind to work. Little attention was given on the part of the Convention to traversing the streets of Augusta. The Convention was largely composed of young people of the finest type.

President Murray appointed the following persons from the various Presbyteries as Program Committee: Revs. W. L. Metz, D. D., S. Q. Mitchell, J. R. Dungee and C. W. Francis. Reporter J. H. Toatley.

Y. M. C. A. RANKS HIGH IN PROPERTY HOLDINGS

In a review of the 1930 Year Book of the Y. M. C. A. which recently has been issued it was found that the Y. M. C. A. ranks nineteenth among the large corporations in the United States. It has a net value of property of \$237,782,000. In the ranking of total assets of large business concerns, the Pennsylvania Railroad is first, with the Ford Motor Company second.

The operating expenses of the Y. M. C. A. in the United States during 1929-1930 was \$62,751,000. Its contributions totaled \$16,653,000, 2.8 per cent increase over last year or double that of 1920. There are now 1,086,862 members of the Y. M. C. A. in the United States, an increase of 8.8 per cent over the previous year. The employed officers number 5,124.

In comparing the world figures for the Y. M. C. A., it has been found that there are 10,397 Young Men's Christian Associations with 1,680,841 members.

Throughout the world there are 6,995 employed officers, which does not include clerical or janitorial forces. In net property and funds the Y. M. C. A. is valued at \$275,883,301.

Other figures for the United States show that last year 993,000 boys were served, \$5,000,000 has been invested in camp property which was used by 92,000 young men and boys last year. The endowment funds have grown to \$31,522,000, an increase of 7.5 per cent over last year and double the amount of seven years ago. Ex-

MEETING OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE

The Young People's League of the Catawba Presbytery met with the Biddleville Presbyterian church, of Charlotte, N. C., on Saturday, October 25th, for its regular Fall meeting.

The first thing in order was the enrollment of representatives and members of various young people's organizations and churches, at which time red and blue ribbons were placed on those enrolled.

After the enrollment a volley ball game was held between the "Reds" and the "Blues." The game was swift and the interest exhibited by both teams and onlookers was fine. Although the "Reds" prided themselves as the winners, the "Blues" proved to be good sports and showed their fine spirit by cheering the "Reds."

From the athletic grounds the group returned to the church for the opening exercises. Mr. W. S. Brinkley, President of the League, presided in his usual pleasing manner.

After the devotional exercises all unfinished business of the previous meeting of the League was discussed.

A constitution of the League was presented by our Director, Rev. F. C. Shirley. After a brief discussion of various articles of the Constitution it was received and adopted by the League.

The Director also called the League's attention to the importance of the different young people's organizations subscribing for the Bulletin, "The Voice of Catawba Youth."

A hundred copies were distributed among representatives of local groups, in addition to a large number of subscriptions which were taken from members.

The next thing in order was the reports of the different organizations represented. By such reports one could readily see what organizations are wide awake and are doing effective as well as interesting work.

Our Treasurer, Miss Helen Wilson, gave her report at this time. After Miss Wilson's report dinner was served by the church in the Community Center. One could well see the hospitality of the church exhibited not only at this time but throughout the day. Pep songs, led chiefly by Miss Ionia Shute, and yells, led by Mr. R. L. Jeanes, of Johnson C. Smith University, were some of the attractive features of our dinner hour. Our after dinner speech was given by one of our guests of honor, Miss Helen Jones, who is engaged in religious work in Atlanta, Ga. Miss Jones expressed her keen delight in having been present with such a group and spoke of how much she had gained by mere observation. She urged the League to keep climbing the mount of difficulty, never falling along the wayside, but ever keeping in mind the goal to be attained.

Miss Ethel Goines, who was also one of our guests of honor, brought us greetings from Johnson City, Tenn., and also expressed her deep interest in the League and the work that is being accomplished.

The election of officers of the League for the ensuing year was next held. One could readily see how highly esteemed and respected Mr. W. S. Brinkley was by the League from the unanimous vote he received to continue his services as President of the League. The other officers elected follow: Miss Catherine of Seventh St. Presbyterian church, Vice-President; Miss Myrtle Brodie, of Brooklyn Presbyterian

church, Secretary; Miss Margaret Caldwell, of Westminster Presbyterian church, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. Emery Rann, Treasurer. With fine cooperation of these officers with the members of the League at large, remarkable as well as interesting work is expected to be accomplished this year. Rev. H. Wilson installed the newly elected officers.

Rev. A. H. Prince brought before the League the rules regarding the contest to be held later on in the year on "Stewardship" and urged the young people to take an active part in this contest.

On the account of the shortness of the time the topic, "The Ideal Home," which was to have been discussed by the League was not presented before the group, but instead will be used at our next meeting.

The next meeting of the League will be held at Mount Olive church.

Mr. Brinkley, who attended the Youth's Conference in Toronto, Canada, last June, brought to us an interesting report of the type of programs had at such a Conference and the views of one race towards another as brought out in many of the discussions at this Conference. Truly from what Mr. Brinkley gleaned from this Conference, man sees himself as he has never seen himself before. One has a chance to express himself at such a conference, to exchange old ideas for new ones and to adjust himself in those life situations which call for adjusting. Mr. Brinkley expressed his thanks to those organizations and friends who helped to make possible his trip to Canada.

The meeting of the day closed with a very impressive worship service. The theme for this service was: "Sharing Jesus With Others." It was truly the type of worship that made one feel, as he listened to soft strains of music and earnest prayers, that God was in His holy temple and had taken notice of all of the proceedings of the day.

W. S. BRINKLEY, President.
M. A. BRODIE, Secretary.

NOTES FROM MT. PISGAH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, LAURENS, S. C.

Our pastor, Rev. B. F. McFadden, spoke very forcibly Sunday morning from Acts 1: 11, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven?" He pointed out that we have people that stand gazing up toward heaven but fail to see the need of faithfulness to duty for the Master. Every one present was spiritually uplifted.

We were pleased to have Mr. E. L. Cundiff, our Sabbath School Missionary, with us Sunday. He made a very inspiring talk on the need of building up our Sunday school and launched a campaign for enrolling new students. He pointed out how other churches are leading in large schools, and that our church was the pioneer church from which a number of others had gotten their leadership and said we should hold up the Presbyterian banner. He also characterized us as "the sleeping beauty" and urged that we awake from our sleep and go forward in this great campaign. The response was very encouraging.

Only about five months ago Mr. Cundiff reorganized this Sunday school which had gone down, due to the migration, and since that time he has not spared time nor patience in building it up. Now we are enjoying a nice enrollment. We

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WHITE RIVER PRESBYTERIAN, ARKANSAS

The summer season is now history. It was the hottest summer experienced here by old residents in many years. It was a burden to keep cool. But the activities in White River Presbytery were more marked than in many preceding summers. The D. V. B. S., coupled with the evangelistic drive, conducted by Revs. C. N. Shropshire and T. B. Hargrave, gave new life to the Sunday schools and churches. Also gave the people of this section of the country a better understanding of what the Presbyterian Church stands for, which is, training the children and evangelizing the world.

The success of the workers mentioned above was due to a great extent to the co-operation of the ministers on the field. The D. V. B. S. was conducted during the day and the homes of the children were visited, and by this personal work by the workers many were saved.

The Sunday schools entered a contest for a banner and the following points were observed: (1) Largest enrollment. (2) Largest daily average. (3) Largest number of confessions. (4) General interest. (5) The most efficient work. Each school fought vigorously to win the banner, and these are the outstanding ones from among fourteen, which enrolled: Cotton Plant, 161; Little Rock, 116; Pine Bluff, 114; Camden, 112 and Monticello, 108. The banner was won by Cotton Plant. Also there were twenty conversions during the revival which was conducted at night there.

During the past summer season the D. V. B. S. reached over one thousand pupils, and the evangelist, Rev. T. B. Hargrave, has had 207 conversions and 105 restorations on the field. The program conducted by our S. S. Missionary and Evangelist, was very timely and constructive. It is a scheme no other denomination has introduced yet. The ministers and people, old and young, over the field are looking forward to next year. But one thing we regretted last summer was the short time of two weeks at each church. The fall season is on and the winter season is not very far away. Let us lay aside every weight that hinders in the Christian race and run it with more patience and faith by the grace of God.

On the fifth Sunday night of November a special musical program will be rendered, and be conducted by Mr. Edward Alexander.

Mr. T. M. Rogers, a member and elder of Allison Chapel for nearly thirty years, passed to his reward on the 8th ult., and was buried on the 12th. He left to mourn their loss a wife, six daughters and three sons, and many friends. Brother Rogers was faithful in the church, doing what he could through tribulation.

Put in the language of Chapin:

"The brightest crowns that are worn in heaven have been tried and smelted and polished and glorified through the furnace of tribulation."

Another writer said: "We are born for a brighter destiny than that of earth; there is one realm where the rainbow never fades, where the stars will be spread before us like islands that slumber on the ocean, and where the beings that pass before us like shadows will stay in our presence forever."

We believe he has entered the realm spoken of above to be forever with the Lord.

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Little Rock, Ark.