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GOD'S HIGHWAYS

We think the following inspiring and hopeful thoughts from an address just delivered by Bishop T. C. Garst before the East Carolina Diocese of the Episcopal Church are worth passing on:

"This is a time to try men's souls. And I believe we have needed such testing time when men shaken from false security and transient content fall back upon God and find peace." The Bishop urged the delegates present "to thank God for these days, and may we use them not as valleys of depression through which we toil in bitterness and defeat, but as God's own highways over which we march in confidence and faith to the larger field of service, that wider field of usefulness that we could never have known if we had not learned the lesson of the hard road."

SMITH UNIVERSITY A MEMBER OF ASSOCIATION OF AMERICAN COLLEGES

At a meeting of the Association of American Colleges, held in Indianapolis, Ind., January 21-22, Johnson C. Smith University was received to membership in that organization. This great educational body thus voted recognition of the first-class college work the University is doing and the high rank the institution has attained under the presidency of Dr. H. L. McCrorey. News of the Association's action reached Charlotte last Thursday. The announcement brought joy to the faculty and students of the University, and we feel sure it will be hailed with pleasure by all friends of the University. President McCrorey was in attendance upon the meeting of the Association. He is now filling speaking engagements in Ohio and Pennsylvania.

NOT WHAT YOU DO, BUT HOW YOU DO IT

(From The Boston Evening Transcript.)

The following story is attributed to Henry Ward Beecher: There comes over to our shores a poor stonemason. The times are so bad at home that he is scarcely able to earn bread enough to eat; and by a whole year's stinting economy he manages to get together just enough to pay for a steerage passage to this country. He comes, homeless and acquaintanceless, and lands in New York and wanders over to Brooklyn and seeks employment. He is ashamed to beg bread; and yet he is hungry. The yards are all full; but still as he is an expert stonemason, a man, out of charity, says, "Well, I will give you a little work—enough to enable you to pay for your board." And he works. Mrs. Malcom shows him a block of stone to work on. What is it? One of

many parts which are to form some ornament. Here is just a queri or fern, and there is a branch of what probably is to be a flower. He goes to work on this stone, and most patiently shapes it. He carves that bit of fern, putting all his skill and taste into it. And by-and-by the master says, "Well Done," and takes it away, and gives him another block, and tells him to work on that. And so he works on that from the rising of the sun till the going down of the same, and he only knows that he is earning his bread. And he continues to put all his skill and taste into his work. He has no idea of what use will be made of these few stems which he has been carving, until afterwards, when, one day, walking along the street, and looking up at the front of the art gallery, he sees the stones upon which he has worked. He did not know what they were for; but the architect did. And as he stands looking at his work on that structure which is the beauty of the whole street the tears drop down from his eyes, and he says, "I am glad I did it well." And every day, as he passes that way, he says to himself exultingly, "I did it well." He did not draw the design nor plan the building, and he knew nothing of what use would be made of his work; but he took pains in cutting those stems; and when he saw that they were a part of that magnificent structure his soul rejoiced. Dear brethren, though the work which you are doing seems small, put your heart into it; do the best you can wherever you are; and by-and-by God will show you where he has put that work. And when you see it stand in that great structure which He is building you will rejoice in every single moment of fidelity with which you wrought. Do not let the seeming littleness of what you are doing now damp your fidelity.

CATAWBA PRESBYTERY'S BENEVOLENCE RECORD

By Rev. Frank C. Shirley

As chairman of the Presbytery's Committee on Program and Field Activities I am giving below what the churches had paid on their benevolence quota up to January 10, 1931:

	Paid	Quota
Henderson Grove	\$11.	\$83.70
Love's Chapel	5.	98.55
Brooklyn	11.	198.45
Church Street	11.	153.90
Seventh Street	17.	452.25
Bensalem	9.	108.00
Lloyd	10.	41.85
McClintock	10.	284.85
Miranda	12.	66.15
Murkland	27.	145.80
Mt. Olive	4.	196.75
Woodland	2.	187.65
Westminster	39.	159.30
Davidson	3.	106.65
Bethesda	17.	29.70
Dulotown	1.	79.65
Third Street	30.	78.30
Huntersville	5.	110.70
Good Hope	8.	47.25
Lincolnton	5.	63.45
Trinity	11.	9.45
Matthews Chapel	12.	63.45
Black's Mem.	43.	118.80
Ebenezer	1.	59.40
Lawrence Chapel	4.	54.00
Bethel	5.	103.95
Mt. Pisgah	5.	51.30
Jackson Grove	1.	48.60

Total paid, \$324.86. **

* Quota over paid.

** Did not list odd cents but included in total.

The following churches have made no contribution at all to benevolence during the year: Biddleville, Brandon, Emmanuel, Siloam, St. Paul, New Hope, Cedar Grove, Bellefonte, St. James, Caldwell, Bethpage, Rankin, Lisbon Springs, Green Street, New Hampton, Wilson Street, Lowry Memorial and Shiloh.

We hope the brethren will study these figures. In many instances what has been paid above represents Sunday school special offerings, as Children's Day, Rally Day, etc., which means, so far as the churches are concerned, the list of non-contributing churches is much larger than that given above.

We do not mean to ruffle any feathers but we question very seriously whether there is much

spirituality in churches that let three-fourths of the year go by without doing something to carry forward the Mission Work of the Church. Catawba Presbytery accepted a benevolence quota of \$4,905.90 and has given only \$324 of that amount. It goes back to the old charge we have made so often—churches spiritually dead, no systematic plan to meet obligations, lack of vision. Brethren, we know the times are hard but let us face the issue. Have we done what we could have done? Excuses will not make up for gross neglect of duty.

FROM PINE BLUFF, ARK.

By Rev. T. C. Boyd

It has been quite a while since we have been heard from through the Africo. It is our pleasure, therefore, to take time to let you know something of our work. In spite of the world-wide depression and the closing of many banks, we have tried to hold our own.

The Allen Chapel has paid its quota for 1930-1931. Over and above that we have made a special contribution to the Board of Foreign Missions. The Sunday school is now preparing to make a special contribution to the Division of Missions for Colored People. This contribution will be from Lincoln Day Rally.

The financial side of the church is great in itself, but is by no means the goal. While so much is being done to put over the financial program, we can not overlook the spiritual side. There must be a spiritual awakening before we can reach the desired goal. The great mission and goal of the church is the saving of souls. To this end much interest is being manifested as we look forward to the 4th Sunday (Jan. 25th) when we will start a season of evangelistic services. These services will be conducted by Rev. T. B. Hargrave, the Synodical Evangelist of Canadian Synod. Rev. Hargrave has been with us before and we rejoice in his coming. He always has a burning message for his hearers. We can but say of him, "Did not our hearts burn as he spake to us by the way?"

We are very sorry to state that our enrollment in school this year is less than it was last year, due to the failure of crops in this section. However, the faculty of Richard Allen Institute is kept busy with its present enrollment. Mrs. J. R. Simpson, our new domestic science teacher, is striving to make that department of the school a success. Miss Willie B. Nance, our new music teacher from Helena, S. C., is making a good showing in the music department.

We have just finished our mid-term examinations with much credit to most of the students.

GEORGIA WOMEN ORGANIZE TO FIGHT LYNCHING

Join Southwide Association of Women for Campaign of Education and Action

Atlanta, Ga., January 25.—Twenty of Georgia's most prominent women, meeting here in person and by proxy, constituted themselves the Georgia Association of Women for the Prevention of Lynching, and affiliated with the recently organized Anti-lynching Association of Women of the Southern States. Vigorous resolutions were adopted denouncing mob violence and expressing deep humiliation at the State's lynching record for 1930.

"The real victim of a lynching," the resolutions affirm, "is not so much the person done to death, as it is the constituted and regularly established government. This crime is a greater menace to our homes, our children, and our country than any other."

"We shall not remain idle, indifferent or acquiescent," the resolutions continue. "We shall carry on a campaign of education and action for the prevention of lynching. We shall seek to have brought to justice persons who are partici-

pants in this crime." The statement concluded with a call to the women of all the Southern States to join in a movement "to rid the South of a crime which brutalizes our State, mocks our Christianity and destroys our government."

The meeting was called by Mrs. W. A. Turner, of Newnan, at the suggestion of the Woman's Department of the Commission on Interracial Cooperation, and is one of a series of such meetings being held throughout the Southern States for the purpose of mobilizing the women in an effective anti-lynching campaign.

The campaign was initiated on November 1, when twenty women representing eight States of the Southeast met here and laid out the general plan of organization and action. This was followed by a similar regional meeting west of the Mississippi. The movement is now taking the form of State organizations which are being set up as rapidly as possible.

INCREASED INTEREST IN NEGRO HISTORY WEEK

The preparation for Negro History Week is much more extensive in 1931 than in 1930. Rural districts are much more active, and the interest in urban centers is more intensive. A larger number of white persons and agencies are directing attention to the observance. Some white schools will take note of it in various ways.

Increased interest in Negro History Week is due to the support of State Departments of Education. In some cases every teacher in the rural districts of a State has been asked to observe the week. Louisiana, North Carolina and Missouri are most active. Much interest has been manifested, too, in Delaware, Kentucky and Florida.

Outstanding features will mark the celebration of Negro History Week. Dr. C. G. Woodson, the director of the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, will open the week in Boston on the 8th of February with an address at the Ford Hall Forum. The Ministerial Conference of Pittsburgh, under the direction of Dr. T. J. King, will stage several mass meetings at strategic points in that area. Citizens of Cleveland will proceed in like manner with Thelma Louise Taylor on the air. Detroit, with a special organization of celebrants representing all of its social welfare agencies, will make the greatest demonstration of the sort in its history. Buffalo, with the support of both races, will have exercises to interpret anew to the world the achievements of men of African blood.

This interest is to be capitalized in the right way. An effort will be made to discontinue the use of books which teach bias and race hate. Boards of education will be asked to adopt Negro text books for appropriate courses of study. Books and pictures of Negroes will be purchased for schools and libraries. Documents of value will be collected and sent to the Association for the Study of Negro Life and History in Washington, D. C. Funds will be raised for the Association to carry on its work of research and publication.

In 1926 the Association began the celebration of Negro History Week. This was made an occasion for public exercises inviting special attention to the achievements of the Negro. The thought emerged from the mind of the founder. With the co-operation of ministers, teachers and business men throughout the country, the celebration proved to be an unusual success. Negro History Week has helped to arouse the people to a keener appreciation of the contribution of the Negro to civilization. Men are now learning to think of civilization as the heritage of the centuries to which all races have made some contribution.

From reports of those in charge it looks as if a large audience will greet Roland Hayes when he appears here next Wednesday evening.

RICHARD B. HARRISON

(From the N. Y. Amsterdam News, Jan. 21, 1931.)

This year the wits will not take their usual facetious fling at the award of the Spingarn Medal. The choice of the committee for 1930 should provoke unanimous applause. It will be hardly possible to find anyone to say that the Spingarn Medal is not thoroughly deserved by Richard B. Harrison.

It happens that Mr. Harrison is known chiefly for his superb acting in "The Green Pastures;" but a long lifetime of labor lies behind that achievement. Mr. Harrison is sixty-seven years old, and for fifty years he has been studying and practicing elocution. As a dramatic reader he has been going through the country for five decades, to churches, schools and colleges, interpreting the masters of dramatic literature to the colored people.

Elocution used to be the vogue in the earlier and simpler days; with the development of the press and the radio it fell into decline, and men like Harrison suffered. Yet Harrison kept on and on, fighting the good fight, never lowering his ideals, never stooping nor pandering to vulgarity. After the long, lean years the sun of well-deserved success suddenly burst upon him. He has kept the faith, he has fought the good fight, he has endured unto the end, and there will be none to begrudge him the reward.

NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE FELLOWSHIPS

The National Urban League announces that it will award in 1931 its usual Fellowships for colored students for study in social work. From three to six awards will be made. Applicants must be graduates or candidates for graduation from accredited colleges. Successful candidates will receive tuition and stipends of \$100 to \$105 per month—the total value for the year, including tuition, being \$1,200.

The schools to which League Fellowships have been assigned are the New York School of Social Work, the Graduate School of Social Administration of the University of Chicago, the University of Pittsburgh and Ohio State University.

Applications should be filed before April 15th on forms furnished by the Urban League which may be secured by writing Eugene Kinckle Jones, Executive Secretary, 1133 Broadway, New York City. The examination will be held in May.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE HONORED AGAIN

By Rev. Frank C. Shirley

Last April when the Board of Christian Education appointed W. S. Brinkley as one of the four Presbyterian delegates to attend the Christian Youth Council of North America, it gave much inspiration and joy to the young people in the respective Leagues in Catawba Synod.

The young people and adults of Catawba Synod and the entire Southland will be equally inspired and will deeply appreciate the more recent honor that has come to Mr. Brinkley from the Board of Christian Education. In a recent communication from the Director of Young People's Work, Rev. Frank D. Getty, Mr. Brinkley was notified that he had been made a member of the Young People's Contact Committee of the Board of Christian Education. An idea of the work of the committee can be gleaned from the following quotation taken from the letter:

"This Contact Committee is a new organization and is just being formed. Its membership consists of 21 young persons chosen from different parts of the United States. It is our purpose to submit to the members of this committee from time to time problems which arise in the building of the Presbyterian Program for Young People; asking your advice in the solution of these problems; for your guidance in

the building of the Young People's Program and for whatever suggestions you may desire to offer in addition to any questions which you may answer for us."

The significant thing about this committee is that it will help build the program which the young people are to carry out. In former years the program for young people has been made out by a group of adults who have made the type of program they thought would meet the needs of youth without consulting them about the content of such program. The appointment of this committee is a radical departure from the old custom and as Mr. Getty says further: "As far as I know this is the first time that young people themselves have had a share in building the Young People's Program of our denomination."

I am sure we all rejoice in the fact that we have a young man of Mr. Brinkley's calibre to offer for such an important committee. We join heartily in thanking the Board of Christian Education for the recognition, and in extending congratulations to Mr. Brinkley upon his appointment. He is worthy of the honor and has the ability to render some constructive service on such a committee.

BRAINERD INSTITUTE NEWS

By Miss Bernice Allen

As this goes to press, it leaves all busy overtaking the work of the first semester examinations now in progress.

The usual routine religious activities were participated in, Sunday, January 25th. At 8:45 A. M. the Uniform Sunday School lesson was studied by the entire school.

Services at the Carmel Presbyterian church at 11:00 A. M. The Christian Endeavor Society for the day, under the direction of the members of the Senior class. The meeting was interesting and the discussions were quite lively.

The student body, by special invitation, visited the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion church, of Chester, Sunday evening and witnessed the rendition of a pageant entitled, "The Hope of the World." This pageant was presented by the young people of that church.

Visitors

Among the visitors of the past week was noted Miss Janie B. Wallace, of Charlotte, Principal of the Alexander Street Graded School, who gave a short and inspiring talk to the students during the Christian Endeavor meeting services. Mr. J. E. Hemphill and Mr. Whiteside, also of Charlotte, were present.

On Monday, January 26th, Dr. T. A. Long, of J. C. Smith University, Charlotte, favored the school with a visit. At the chapel services Dr. Long spoke very entertainingly to the entire school assembly and rendered a very beautiful musical selection on the piano. His visit was highly appreciated and his pointed and practical address will long be remembered. Accompanying Dr. Long was Mr. Stokes, a student of the University.

"A Memorial"

Through the benefaction of the Woman's Presbyterian Society, Los Angeles, California, there has been established by the Board of National Missions in Brainerd Institute, the A. A. Adair Chair of Instruction. It is quite fitting to establish this chair here, for it was at Brainerd Institute the late Prof. A. A. Adair taught for years, prior to entering upon the work of the S. S. Missionary Department, Board of National Missions. Prof. Adair died at his post of duty (away from home) while rendering special service. This practical form of a memorial is greatly appreciated here by all concerned and in any way interested.

The address of Rev. J. P. Foster, who recently moved from Palatka, Fla., to Atlanta, to take charge of the Radcliffe Memorial church, is 1064 Mayson-Turner Avenue, N. W.