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THE DEPRESSION AND NEGRO BUSINESS

As everybody knows, the
years 1930 and 1931 have been
bad years for business gener-
ally, and Negro enterprises
have suffered along with other
businesses. Supposedly strong
colored banks, notably in Chi-
cago and in New York, have
had to close their doors, and
one of the largest insurance
companies has been forced to
change its management. In
this connection we are pleased
to print a statement by the
officials of the North Carolina
Mutual Life Insurance Com-
pany to the effect that this
craft is weathering the finan-
cial storm in fine shape. The
conservative yet progressive
policy that has characterized
the management of this orga-
nization since it was founded
has enabled it to carry on dur-
ing a long period of years with-
out loss or embarrassment.

PRESIDENT NELSON

The election of Dr. William
Stuart Nelson as President of
Shaw University in place of
Dr. J. L. Peacock, whose resig-
nation was announced at the
commencement in June, indi-
cates a change of policy on the
part of the Trustees of Shaw.
From the founding of the in-
stitution just after the Civil
War until now all of the Pres-
idents have been white men.
The change to a colored man
at this time is in keeping with
the trend in Negro education.
The Columbian News Service
has gathered the following in-
formation about the new Pres-
ident:

"Prof. Nelson has had a wide
and varied experience in edu-
cational fields both as a teach-
er and an administrator. Since
1929 he has been Assistant to
the President of Howard Uni-
versity as well as Associate
Professor in the field of Philo-
sophy. He was born in Paris,
Ky., in 1895, and graduated
from the elementary and sec-
ondary schools of Paducah in
1914. He matriculated at How-
ard University and was gradu-
ated from that institution with
an A. B. degree cum laude. Dur-
ing his undergraduate days he
took an active part in debating
and literary societies and was
editor of the University news-
paper. After leaving Howard
he spent one year at Union
Theological Seminary in New
York and later was graduated
from the Divinity School at
Yale University with the de-
gree of bachelor of divinity in
1924.

"Meanwhile he had spent a
year studying at the Universi-
ty of Paris and the Protest-
ant Theological Seminary of
Paris. Subsequent to this study
in Paris he spent two years in
the graduate schools of the
German Universities of Berlin
and Merburg. A year of this
study was made possible
through a fellowship from the

National Council of Religion in
Higher Education. While study-
ing in Paris, he published in
French a treatise on the Negro
race under the title, "Le Race
Noire dans la Democratie Ameri-
canae," which was published
under the auspices of the re-
search group for international
understanding. He was appoint-
ed instructor at Howard Uni-
versity in 1924.

"During the World War Pro-
fessor Nelson served two years
in the army as a first lieutenant
of infantry and saw eight
months active service with the
American Expeditionary forces
overseas. In 1926 he was
married to Miss Blanche Louise
Wright, of Memphis, Tennes-
see. There are no children of
this union."

POSSIBILITIES UNLIMITED

In an article, "Negro Busi-
ness and Its Possibilities," in a
recent number of Opportunity,
Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Sec-
retary of Commerce, says:

"Negro business is just busi-
ness, and its possibilities are
as unlimited as is the degree
of efficiency with which it may
be guided. I know of few fields
of commercial activity so filled
with potentialities as the Neo-
gro market. It is capable of
great development as the
mounting intelligence and ris-
ing standards of the group cre-
ate demands for a wide variety
of commodities. The scope of
such business progress is
being constantly enlarged as
education, the increase of
skilled and professionally
trained labor, and the growth
of a dividend earning class
combine to augment the wealth
of this particular market."

PATRIOTIC SERMONS AVAILABLE

The churches of America will
take a conspicuous part in the
George Washington Bicentennial
Celebration in 1932, ac-
cording to plans being complet-
ed by the Bicentennial Commis-
sion.

There are approximately
232,000 churches in the United
States, and arrangements are
being made with the various
church organizations of every
faith and denomination relative
to commemorative services and
other activities in celebrating
the two hundredth anniversary
of the birth of the First Pres-
ident.

A number of specially pre-
pared sermons, dealing with
the greatness and the charac-
ter of Washington, have been
written for the commission by
some of the country's leading
ministers, and these sermons
are now available to anyone
desiring them. Copies may be
obtained without charge, upon
request to the United States
George Washington Bicentennial
Commission, Washington,
D. C.

It is planned that on Satur-
day and Sunday preceding Feb-
ruary 22 there will be commem-
orative services in churches
throughout the United States,
and that on the afternoon of
Sunday, February 21, there
will be, in addition to church
services, special meetings in
cities and towns, where one or
more addresses on the "Father
of His Country" will be deliv-
ered.

TO THE MINISTERS OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY

You are hereby reminded that
Catawba Presbytery will cele-
brate its 65th Anniversary at
the Fall meeting of Presbytery,
September 10th and 11th, at
the Johnson C. Smith Univer-
sity church.

It will take every minister
and every church to make the
Celebration a success. You are,
therefore, earnestly urged to
sent at once, one dollar for
yourself and two cents (2c) per
member for each church you
serve, to Mr. W. H. Stinson,
Treasurer, 407 Beattie's Ford
Road, Charlotte, N. C.

The Committee on Arrange-
ments is ready to go ahead to-
wards making the Anniversary
a success, but is anxiously wait-
ing for your immediate re-
sponse. WE MUST NOT FAIL.

Yours for the success of the
Celebration,
The Committee,
H. WILSON, Chairman.

DEATH OF THREE FINE CHARACTERS

Miss Mamie Fisher

It was on Friday, July 2, that
a telegram came to me here
summoning me to Greenville
to assist at the funeral of Miss
Mamie Fisher, who died on the
1st of July. I had just returned
from the North where I had
been since the 23rd of May. I
left for Greenville to be with
the bereaved and assist in what-
ever way I could at this very
sad occasion.

Miss Fisher will be remem-
bered by many of the old Scot-
ia graduates and former Bid-
dle graduates as of the popular
class of '93 of Scotia Seminary.
After being graduated from
Scotia she returned to her home
and birth place, Greenville, S.
C., and engaged in teaching
in one of the schools of this
progressive mountain city, and
so continued until her health
began to decline over three
years ago. She was one of the
city's most outstanding teach-
ers; more than this, she was
one of the little girls who were
among the charter members of
Mattoon church under the ven-
erable Dr. B. F. McDowell. Her
efforts and love for Mattoon
church were so outstanding
that Mattoon does not seem to
be Mattoon church in the ab-
sence of her personality. She
was one of the most faithful
workers in her church or that
could be found in any church
in the Synod of Atlantic.

Her survivors are her moth-
er, two sisters and one broth-
er, who were faithful and most
patient with the daughter and
sister to the end.

The Fishers have lived in
Greenville for over sixty years
and are among the most out-
standing colored citizens of
Greenville. I have known this
family for many years; and it
is one of those families whose
friendship is valued and whose
behaviour is without guile.

Mrs. Mattie Bell Miller

As I am about to close this
bit of news to the Africo-Amer-
ican Presbyterian, the sad in-
telligence of the death of Mrs.
Mattie Bell Miller, who was
living in Charleston, comes to
me. Her remains were carried
to Aiken to be buried by her
first husband, the Rev. Walter
C. Coles, the son of the late
Rev. W. R. Coles, D. D.,
who was among our first col-
ored Presbyterian ministers
after Lincoln began to send
out her graduates.

Mrs. Miller was the niece of
the Rev. B. F. McDowell, D. D.,
of Greenville, being a daughter
of his sister, Mrs. Miller in her
second marriage was the wife
of Dr. Miller, who is a practi-
cing physician in Charleston.
She was a graduate of Scotia
Seminary, having been gradu-
ated from this school in the
early nineties.

Mrs. Miller was a member of
Zion Presbyterian church,
Charleston.

While only forty-five miles
from the scene of the funeral,
I am sorry to say, I was not
present, because—while I knew
that she was critically or
hopelessly ill,—I did not hear
of her death until the funeral
party was enroute to Aiken
with Mrs. Miller "in the bag-
gage car ahead."

Dr. J. M. Johnson

It was much to my regret
that I was not able to attend
the funeral of my old friend
and college-mate, Rev. J. M.
Johnson, D. D. The telegram
came while I was away in New
Haven, Conn., and could not be
reached at the time. I was tel-
egraphed to come and officiate
at the funeral.

I shall not say more about
my friend and brother, John-
son. Limited time and space
will not permit. Brother B. F.
Russell, his former pastor and
teacher in the little parochial
school, where many colored
Presbyterian preachers first
saw the light, has spoken.

W. L. METZ,
Edisto Island, S. C.

Dr. Charles Satchell Morris,
Sr., of Virginia, noted Baptist
minister and lecturer, is dead.

In going over our subscrip-
tion list, we find many subscrip-
tions past due. Please re-
new at once.

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC—A MESSAGE OF HOPE

In this period of internation-
al depression when so many or-
ganizations are finding them-
selves in difficult situations,
the North Carolina Mutual Life
Insurance Company is happy to
be in a position to bring a mes-
sage of hope to the Negroes of
America.

The North Carolina Mutual
was conceived in faith, nur-
tured in a womb of integri-
ty, protected by a spirit of
sacrifice and loyalty, and is as-
sured of a continued existence
by the confidence of an insur-
ing public and its experienced
and trained management, con-
sisting of men of character and
good business judgment. The
North Carolina Mutual Life In-
surance Company started with
a sound business system thirty-
two years ago and has never
departed from it. All of its di-
rectors and officers are well
acquainted with the manage-
ment of every detail of the busi-
ness and no investment is
made nor money spent unless
passed upon by its Finance
Committee.

We have never sought to be
clever, but rather to be diligent
and prudent in the manage-
ment of our affairs. We have
never organized any syndicates
in order to divert the funds of
the company for any illegal
purposes; nor have we engaged
in any speculative schemes;
been called into question about
any irregularities during our
existence; nor have any of our
officials ever drawn a dime ex-
cept in straight salaries ap-
proved by the Insurance De-
partment of North Carolina,
which has made a regular au-
dit of our business ever since
we began, can testify to this
statement. We realize that we
are only trustees or custodians
of public funds and our 250,000
policy-holders and 1,000 repre-
sentatives can testify to this
fact.

One of the greatest factors
in the success of the North
Carolina Mutual is that it has
always held its expenses down
year by year in proportion to
the growth of the business. It
pays its claims promptly upon
proper presentation of proof, and
owes no money on its splendid
Home Office Building, located
in the heart of the city of Dur-
ham, nor on any of its other
assets.

Our company can boast of
one of the finest groups of em-
ployees to be found anywhere,
trained and thoroughly imbued
with the spirit of co-operation
and integrity. Notwithstanding
the great international depression,
we are facing but very little
loss on any of our investments,
for safety has been one of the
first considerations in the man-
agement of our company. Our
company has had more rapid
progress during the first six
months of 1931 than in any
previous year since 1925.

We consider the good will
and confidence of our policy-
holders, agents and the public
one of our greatest assets; and
with thirty-two years of expe-
rience in dealing with the pub-
lic and in handling our own
personal affairs, we are better
fitted for building a larger and
more serviceable company. The
North Carolina Mutual Life
Insurance Company will live on
and continue to be operated in
the interest of its policy-hold-
ers.

C. C. SPAULDING, President.
W. J. KENNEDY, Jr., Sec-
retary.
E. R. MERRICK, Treasurer.
CLYDE DONNELL, Medical
Director.
R. L. McDUGALD, Vice-
President.

NOTICE

The Young People's League
of the Western District of
Yadkin Presbytery will hold its
third quarterly meeting with
the young people of Oakland
church, Bear Poplar, N. C.,
Friday, August 21. We are
planning to observe field day
at this time, and are hoping to
have a large number present.
J. A. WOODS,
Vice-President.

THE JUNIOR SCHOOL OF METHODS OF MCCLELLAND PRESBYTERY

By Mrs. J. H. Toatley
The Junior School of Meth-
ods, which was entertained by
the Irmo First Presbyterian
church, met July 22-25 with
Rev. J. H. Toatley presiding.

The opening sermon was de-
livered by the Rev. L. E. Ginn,
of Aiken, S. C. The theme was
"Love," and proved interesting
and beneficial.

Welcome address on behalf
of the church was delivered by
Prof. R. W. Boulware, of Har-
bison Institute. The response
was made by Prof. M. H.
Thompson, Greer, S. C.

The registration of delegates,
announcements, offering and
benediction closed the even-
ing's session.

Thursday's and Friday morn-
ing's sessions were in accord
with the regular School of
Methods program. Devotions
for Thursday were conducted
by Supt. J. E. Hall, of Irmo
First church. Devotions for
Friday were led by Supt. T. M.
Jenkins, of the Bowers
church.

Faculty and Program
Bible Study—Rev. J. G. Por-
ter and J. H. Toatley.

Primary and Beginners'
Methods—Prof. R. W. Boul-
ware and Miss Ione Elston.

Junior Methods—Mrs. A. M.
Jenkins and Mrs. J. G. Porter.
Young People's organiza-
tions—Mrs. A. P. Butler and
Miss Otto Allen.

Round Table discussion, led
by Rev. C. W. Francis, Presi-
dent of the Convention.

Music Period—Mrs. M. V.
Marion.

Recreation—Prof. E. L. Cun-
diff and Rev. P. A. Flack.
Intermission.

Thursday evening's session
was an outstanding event.
The following program was
presented with the Rev. J. G.
Porter, President of Harbison
Institute, presiding.

Solo—Miss Jennie Young.

President's address—Rev.
C. W. Francis.

Address—Dr. A. B. McCoy.
Offertory.

Benediction.

Dr. G. T. Dillard, of Colum-
bia, S. C., had charge of the
Devotional Period on Friday
morning and his words will
long linger favorably with all
who heard his ringing appeal
for ministers and teachers
called of God to carry on.

Friday evening's program
with Mrs. Marcia V. Marion, of
Anderson, presiding, follows:
Selection—Harbison Quar-
tette.

Invocation—President J. G.
Porter.

Selection—Harbison Quar-
tette.

Instrumental solo—Little
Miss Jonetta Toatley.

Reading—Miss Magnolia
Smith.

Instrumental solo—Mr. Ollie
Pratt.

Solo—Mr. Ralph Boulware.

Address—Rev. B. H. McFad-
den.

Selection—Harbison Quar-
tette.

All of the sessions were held
at Harbison Institute. The spo-
cious and cheery class rooms
gave ample space for the pre-
sentation of the various sub-
jects.

The Round Table discussion
proved especially interesting
and the young people entered
heartily and enthusiastically
into the discussions.

Our enrollment exceeded it-
self by far in that 54 were en-
rolled. Harbison College is our
meeting place for the present.
McClelland Sunday School
Convention feels justly proud
in that she set the pace and
other Conventions have en-
larged perhaps her program
and all together are working
for bigger, better and nobler
things.

The following are the offi-
cers:

President, Rev. C. W. Francis,
Anderson, S. C.

Vice-President, Rev. B. H.
McFadden, Spartanburg, S. C.
Secretary, Mrs. J. H. Toatley,
Due West, S. C.

Treasurer, Miss Lucinda
White, Abbeville, S. C.

Dean, Prof. E. L. Cundiff,
Laurens, S. C.
Music Director, Mrs. Marcia
Osborne.

Marion, Anderson, S. C.
Chairman Program Commit-
tee, Rev. J. H. Toatley, Due
West, S. C.

GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH NEWS, WINSTON-SALEM, N. C.

"Then was Jesus led up by
the Spirit into the wilderness
to be tempted of the devil." St.
Matthew 4:1.

Rev. Fortune impressed his
hearers Sunday morning that
just as Jesus was tested every
person today must be tested.
Are you able to stand the test?
Truly everyone was spiritually
uplifted and encouraged to
fight the temptations of the
world.

12:45 found the "peppy" Jun-
ior choir in their places lead-
ing in the songs for Sunday
school. Supt. Lanier announced
August 10th as the annual pic-
nic day. The little folks as well
as grown ups anticipate a great
day.

The children are faithful in
attendance at the six o'clock
hour of worship.

At 7 o'clock the Young Peo-
ple's Forum met with the us-
ual lively discussions.

The ladies sponsored a mu-
sical tea recently at the resi-
dence of Dr. and Mrs. Eaton
from 5:30 to 7:00. A most en-
joyable as well as profitable
evening was spent. The follow-
ing persons participated on the
program: Mesdames Woodland,
Foote, Virginia Turner, For-
tune, Messrs. Messrs. Hemp-
hill and J. W. Paisley and Miss
Nannie Paisley.

The regular evening worship
Sunday was conducted at 8:00
o'clock, the pastor preaching
from the text Matt. 13:2, "Be-
hold a sower went forth to sow."

The visitors for the day
were Dr. H. H. Hall and sons,
Miss Alice Humphrey, Mr.
Chinn Cunningham and Mr. T.
C. Mitchell.

Members on the sick list are:
Mrs. Edna Heath Jordan and
Mrs. Ida McFadden Davis.

The Daily Vacation Bible
School went over the top with
an overwhelming success. Due
to the fact that a large dele-
gation attended the League
meeting in Durham, Friday,
the closing exercises were pos-
tponed until Monday. After a
short rehearsal Monday morn-
ing the children assembled on
the side of the church and
pictures were taken of the en-
tire group, after which lemon-
ade and cake were served to
the children by the finance
committee.

Promptly at 8:00 o'clock 100
little smiling faces on their
best behavior greeted their
teachers, parents and friends,
and earnestly performed the
huge but pleasant tasks thrust
upon them. The interest was
keen throughout and one could
easily visualize ministers and
missionaries spreading the good
news, and artists of great re-
nown. A pleasing program was
rendered.

At the conclusion of the pro-
gram the offering was taken
by M. Hunter Jones and Lee
Vaughan.

There were pep songs by the
school. All of the music was
under the competent supervi-
sion of Mrs. Fortune and Miss
Mooney.

The number in attendance
reached 170. Prizes were
awarded the following children
for bringing in the greatest
number of children: Landers
Mooney, Frances Turner and
Erlie Lee.

The teachers were:

Beginners' Dept.—Miss Ma-
vis Osborne and Mesdames Ea-
ton and Carter.

Primary Dept.—Misses Moo-
ney and Vaughan.

Junior Dept.—Misses Black
and Turner.

Physical Education Dept.—
Misses Hazel Eaton and Mavis
Osborne.

THE WESTERN DISTRICT

Sunday School Convention of the
Presbytery of Yadkin will meet
with the Logan Presbyterian
church, Scotts, N. C., Wednes-
day, August 12th to Friday,
August 14th, 1931. All schools
are expected to send delegates
and all superintendents are re-
quested to be present.

JNO. H. SMITH,
Cor. Sec.