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**A THANKSGIVING
THOUGHT**

The Annual Thanksgiving season has come again. As we look over the long, uncertain way we have come since this time last year, we must discern the guidance of a gracious Father's hand, and should bow in acknowledgement of his loving care.

HOW RELIGION HELPS

What one thinks in religion has a lot to do with his getting on in the world. If he is sensible and well balanced in his religious views he is apt to be so in other things. The Bible exhorts to industry and thrift. The good Christian will work, and the man who works regularly and makes the best of his earnings is more than likely to be in position to take care of himself when adversity or periods of depression come.

The editor of The Emporia (Kan.) Gazette has made some investigations along this line, resulting in interesting discoveries. In a recent canvass of the homes of the unemployed in a Kansas town it was found, according to the Gazette editor, "that none of the churches that had been established more than forty years had a single member out of work. It was also established that of the unemployed of that town, more than fifty per cent belonged to no church whatever. Then there is the curious thing, that of the pious (unemployed) fifty per cent, eighty-five per cent belonged to churches with curious creeds, weird beliefs, relying upon emotional appeals of fear and hate for their membership. These churches always attract the credulous who are also suspicious, and the type of mind which goes to that kind of church is the type of mind that is unstable, isn't able to get on in the world and doesn't amount to much; is thriftless, aimless, roving and forever trying some new quack creed, cure or political remedy."

The conclusion was that "people who have sense enough to guide their emotional lives well, pick their religious creeds reasonably, also have sense enough to order their lives profitably."

**WOMEN PAY TRIBUTE TO
MISS SLOWE**

Washington, Nov. — (By The Associated Negro Press). More than 400 women paid annual tribute to Miss Lucy D. Slowe, dean of women of Howard University, at the tenth annual women's dinner in the University dining hall Friday evening.

A diamond brooch, in the design of a friendship circle, with ten diamonds set in platinum—a diamond representing each year—was presented to Dean Slowe in appreciation of the ten years of service to Howard women.

**YOUNG PEOPLE'S LEAGUE
OF CATAWBA PRESBYTERY**

The fourth quarterly meeting of the Young People's League of Catawba Presbytery was held with Brooklyn Presbyterian church on Saturday, November 14th.

The first thing in order was the registration of delegates. This was followed by the recreation period. The games as planned by Rev. Thomas Jenkins and his recreational committee were the kinds which held the interest of the group during the entire period of play.

Our recreational hour was followed by the conference study period. Since the general theme of the meeting was "An Adventure in Spirituality" the topic of the study hour was an outgrowth of the theme, "Youth's Adventure in Missions." The three divisions of this topic were "National Missions," as discussed by Miss Annie Chresfield; "Foreign Missions," as discussed by Rev. A. H. Prince, and "Christian Education," as led by Rev. F. C. Shirley. Miss Chresfield explained various charts in explaining her phase of missions. She told of the various stations where mission schools may be found. One of her charts also helped to make clear the location of various stations on the continents. Miss Chresfield spoke of the wonderful mission work which is being done at the Navajo Indian School, Barber Seminary, Harbison College, etc., and urged youth to take more interest in this type of noble work which is being done.

Rev. Prince opened his discussion with questions which showed to us that young people as well as old know a very little about foreign missions.

Rev. Shirley brought to us valuable information concerning material published for young people. He spoke of the advantages of the different Boards and ended his discussion by having Miss Albert, who is Assistant Director of Young People's Work of the Board of Christian Education, present several books of importance to the group.

From our study group we went to the basement of the church where dinner was served. The basement was brightened with fall leaves and bright colored flowers tastefully arranged. The dinner as prepared by the ladies of the church was enjoyed immensely by the League. Yells, songs, cheers, etc., helped to make pleasant our dinner hour. The business of the day was taken up immediately after dinner. The report of the Secretary was given for the year. This was followed by the report of the local societies.

Rev. F. C. Shirley brought before the League an idea which is being sponsored by various Leagues; that is, the buying of song books to be used at the quarterly meetings of the League. A very long discussion or rather argument was had pro and con the buying of books. This discussion ended by the League deciding by vote not to buy song books.

The next thing brought before the League was the matter concerning the setting up of a discussion group in which one could study those problems vital to young people and how to solve them. There will also be a class where one will learn those things necessary for use in various young people's societies. The League decided to have such a study class.

The election of officers for the ensuing year followed. Those who were elected are as follows: Mr. R. L. Jeans, President; Mrs. L. M. Jenkins, Vice-President; M. A. Brodie, re-elected Secretary; Miss L. M. Rollins, Treasurer. The officers were installed by Rev. L. B. West.

From the basement of the church we returned to the auditorium where a very impressive worship program was held. Miss Josephine Albert brought to us a glowing message. The main thought of her speech centered around these words, "Soar to the heights of leadership." She spoke of the many problems which youth

has to grapple with daily. Miss Albert told of the eagle which soars to an height unexcelled by any other bird and of the care the mother eagle takes in teaching the young eagles to fly. The mother eagle is never satisfied to fly as other birds. So should youth as the eagle try to go higher and higher in life, never satisfied to remain at the bottom. She ended her talk with these words: "Do not be satisfied to follow the crowd. Soar to the heights of leadership. Strike out and blaze new trails for leadership." Her talk was ended with a touching prayer.

The League will cherish pleasant memories of Miss Albert's visit and will look forward to her visiting us again.

The League will hold its first quarterly meeting with Black's Memorial church in Monroe, N. C.

R. L. JEANS, President.

M. A. BRODIE, Secretary.

ROSENWALD FUND EXPENDS TWO AND ONE HALF MILLIONS

Chicago, Nov. (By The Associated Negro Press.) The report of Edwin R. Embree, President of the Julius Rosenwald Fund, issued Monday announces payments during the year of two and one half million dollars, the largest sum expended by the Fund in any one year. The major part of this expenditure was taken from the capital, indicating the willingness of the Fund to carry out the desire of the founder to use principal as well as income as opportunities for great usefulness are found.

The chief expenditures of the year were: Negro schools and colleges, \$1,200,000; pay clinics and studies of medical economics, \$200,000; Negro health, \$223,000; child study and general education, \$225,000; library service, \$150,000; social studies and attempts to improve public administration, \$135,000.

The Fund has helped in building 5,295 Negro schools which are all part of the public school system of the several Southern States. These schools accommodate 650,250 children. Fellowships were granted during the year to 165 Negro teachers and students of unusual promise. Twenty private colleges were helped in buildings, endowments or current expenses, the chief payments going to the four centers which the Fund has selected for special emphasis in Negro education, Washington, Atlanta, Nashville and New Orleans.

"During the next generation," Mr. Embree says in the report, "housing may be as important in national business as the automobile industry was during the past thirty years. Huge sums are involved in the buildings themselves and in the resulting demand for furniture, plumbing, gas and electric appliances, heating and refrigeration and decorations. A great many of the basic industries would at once be set in motion and kept going if private capital and public funds co-operated in a vigorous campaign to clear out slums and to erect decent living quarters for the great bulk of the population who are still housed archaically and in squalor.

"The social implications of good housing are even more important than the business possibilities. Disease and crime are in strikingly close relation to bad living conditions.

"Housing may open an industry of huge proportions, able to absorb billions of capital, to give labor to hundreds of thousands of workers, and to start to active movement again the machinery of business."

ALUMNAE OF INGLESIDE

Dear sisters Alumnae:
Heartiest Greetings. Time is fast winging November 30th. Our Junior College Course is the great need of the hour. Send contributions to Mrs. Elizabeth Thornton Miller, Treasurer, Burkeville. Then may we round up the \$1,000 by the Re-union in 1932.

God bless you,
PRESIDENT.

**THE SIXTH ANNIVERSARY
OF THE PASTOR OF ST. JAMES**

(From St. James Church Bulletin, New York City.)

Thursday, October 15th, marked an epoch in the history of St. James church, when the Joint Usher Board sponsored a testimonial and anniversary dinner to the honor of our pastor, Rev. Wm. L. Imes. The dinner table was filled to capacity with friends and admirers of Rev. Imes, and, not strange to state, there were almost as many non-members present as there were members. Many of the friends who were present had an opportunity to speak in glowing terms of the guest of honor, to which compliments he reacted as did Mark Twain to the reports about his death by saying, "The reports about me are very much exaggerated." But we do not think so, for if ever a man were deserving of love and admiration of a congregation, surely Rev. William L. Imes is that man.

The dutiful and beautiful wife of the pastor was awarded a full share in the festivities. Rev. Imes, in fact, attributes his success largely to the deep and lasting friendship of his wife, Mrs. Grace Imes, and as he was presented with a handsome brief case, Mrs. Imes was given a beautiful basket of exquisite flowers.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Fischer were charming as host and hostess, while to L. E. Spooner and his assistants no small amount of honor is due for the delicious dinner. "The party came to its close and a good time was had by all."

**WASHINGTON "Y" GOES
OVER THE TOP IN BIG
MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

Washington, D. C., Nov. — (By The Associated Negro Press.) The Twelfth St. Branch Y. M. C. A., the oldest colored Branch in the world, finished last Tuesday its annual membership campaign with a total of 638 members enrolled. The goal of the campaign, which lasted five days, was 500 members. Dr. Mordecai Johnson, President of Howard University, delivered a congratulatory address to more than 100 workers who gathered at a Victory Dinner meeting Tuesday night. Other speeches were made by Bishop E. D. W. Jones, Judge Wm. C. Houston, Prof. Chas. H. Wesley, Howard University; Dr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary-Treasurer of Howard University, Leonard W. DeGast, General Secretary, Washington Y. M. C. A., and W. H. C. Brown, President of the Industrial Savings Bank.

The campaign was headed by Attorney Armond W. Scott, General Chairman, and Recorder of Deeds Jefferson S. Coage, Associate General Chairman; Rev. A. F. Elmes on Church Co-operation, Major H. O. Atwood, on Arrangements, Captain Eugene Davidson, Director of Publicity; Col. West A. Hamilton, on Prospects and Major Campbell C. Johnson, Executive Secretary of the Branch. The Division bringing in the largest number of new members was headed by Dr. Dr. Robert B. Pearson, assisted by Benjamin Washington. The team winning the Loving Cup for number of members obtained was headed by Walter L. Carter.

The campaign was directed by R. B. DeFrantz, member of the National Council Y. M. C. A., and National Campaign Director.

**HARRISBURG TO HAVE
\$165,000 Y. M. C. A.**

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. — (By The Associated Negro Press) A decade of planning by leaders of Harrisburg was ended yesterday with the laying of the corner stone of the Forster Street Branch Y. M. C. A. Members of both races were mingled in the crowd of several hundred persons who sat and stood around a wooden platform, unprotected against the chilly winds, to take part in the ceremony. "This is the most remarkable day in the history of the Negro race in Harrisburg," declared Dr. Charles H. Crampton, who is

President of the Committee of Management of the Forster St. Branch Y. M. C. A., just before he applied the first trowel of mortar that sealed a copper box within the corner stone. C. Sylvester Jackson, Treasurer of the Branch, gave the history of the organization from its inception twelve years ago.

Dr. B. B. Jeffers, Chairman of the Program Committee, who presided at the corner stone laying, introduced Mr. Robert B. DeFrantz, Secretary of the National Council of the Y. M. C. A., and guest speaker, as a man who can take big subscriptions from you and leave you glad that you made the gift." Mr. DeFrantz gave a brief review of Association work around the world, and stressed the splendid part the colored people in Harrisburg have had in bringing to pass the present achievement, in co-operation with the forward-looking white friends. He told the audience, "It is not what we have done in the past that counts, although that is good, but it is the future before us. We rededicate ourselves to make the Forster Street Branch a service that will build our boys and girls in the way they should go."

There were six colored contributors who gave \$5,000 each to the building fund. Those of the number present at the corner stone laying were C. Sylvester Jackson, A. E. Barbour, Dr. A. T. Marshall and Dr. B. B. Jeffers. Dr. Charles H. Crampton made a gift of \$1,250, paying \$1,000 in cash at the time he made the pledge.

Aaron W. Green, Executive Secretary of the Forster Street Branch, came to Harrisburg from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., only four years ago and immediately, in co-operation with the Central organization and its branch officials, made the plans which eventuated in the present building program. C. E. Chirk is the General Secretary of the Harrisburg Y. M. C. A.

**GASTONIA CHURCH
Odette P. Goode**

In the absence of our pastor, Rev. E. E. Gregg, who is confined to his home on Beattie's Ford Road, Charlotte, N. C., Rev. F. C. Shirley delivered to us a wonderful message last Sunday morning using as motto, "If the Lord be God follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The theme of his message was "The Contest for Supremacy." This sermon was beautifully illustrated indeed, and we were uplifted and hope Rev. Shirley will come again.

We noted the following visitors Sunday morning: Misses Sadie Douglass, Zelma Caldwell, Catherine Long and Dr. Daly.

Tuesday evening at 7:30 we had a Young People's business meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Billie Costner. The meeting was opened by the song, "Revive Us Again," and we were led in prayer by Mrs. G. I. Enloe. Miss Sarah Costner favored us with a solo Scripture was read by Miss Odette Goode. After singing "Jesus Is Tenderly Calling," we entered into business and plans were made for a program on Thanksgiving morning. After these plans were completed we had a general discussion of various suggestions for carrying on the work of the young people. We decided to have a social and business meeting once a month and the program committee is to meet every Friday night at Miss Goode's home. After finishing business we were served a delicious salad course. Afterwards we gave yells showing our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Costner for so highly entertaining the club.

Our closing song was "Proudly Beams Our Father's Mercies."

Sunday evening, November 22, in our Young People's meeting the principal speaker was Rev. F. C. Shirley, who spoke to us on "Gratitude." We enjoyed this interesting address.

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**WESTMINSTER CHURCH,
CONCORD**

Communion Week Services

Services preparatory to communion were held each evening during the week preceding the second Sunday in November, beginning on Tuesday evening. The message for each service was brought by the Rev. Frank M. Beaver, minister of Church Street church, Charlotte. Every sermon was inspiring and edifying and brought joy to the hearts of the hearers.

Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was administered. Two persons were received into the fellowship of the church. At this service Prof. E. L. James, recently ordained a ruling elder, participated for the first time in administering the Sacrament.

Sunday, 3 P. M., the Rev. J. P. Johnson, pastor of the Church St. church, of Salisbury, N. C., preached a most wonderful sermon from the text: "I am the way, the truth and the life." Rev. Johnson was accompanied here by his choir and several members of his congregation.

Sunday evening at 7:30 a consecration service was conducted by the pastor. The service was truly helpful and was a beautiful climax to communion week.

Young People's Work

All activities, extra, during the week ending with Sunday, November 15th, were in the hands of the young people of the church. Tuesday evening, the 10th, the young people sponsored a very entertaining miscellaneous program. Numbers were given by some of the best talent of the city. Miss Arnetta Green was the mistress of ceremonies. She was assisted by Miss Annie Young.

Friday night featured a Chrysanthemum Party in the Annex. A well arranged menu met the gaze of all who entered the door. The well prepared food, the prompt and efficient manner of serving and the Chrysanthemum buttonier given each guest made the evening one of exceptional enjoyment. Games and various forms of amusements added to the pleasure of the company.

Sunday, November 15, 3:30 P. M., the students of Barber-Scott College made a beautiful contribution to Young People's Week by the rendition of a program consisting of instrumental selections, vocal selections and a discussion on the topic, "What Is the Purpose of Life?" This program was an exceptionally fine treat in every way. It was also a clear demonstration of the high type of training the girls are receiving. Misses Lillian Pogue and Adele Beatty conducted the program.

An incident pre-eminently beautiful and truly fitted for the week of Youth's Activities occurred after the morning service when a young woman, a student and a Christian, accompanied her friend forward to meet the session and sat with her while she was examined preparatory to uniting with the church on profession of faith.

The closing exercise of the week was held Sunday, 7:30 P. M. This exercise was a sacred concert rendered by the Young People's Forum and the Juniors. A special feature of this program was a pantomime entitled, "Whispering Hope." Misses Mildred Miller and Flora Black conducted the program.

The success of the Young People and the Junior activities is due to the untiring efforts of the Directors of the respective groups, viz., Young People, Miss F. M. Onge and Prof. E. L. James; Juniors, Mrs. M. H. Green and Miss M. E. Chapman.

Our Annual Autumn bazaar is going on this week, November 17, 18 and 19.

Miss Elizabeth Green and Miss Mildred Miller represented our Young People's Forum at the Quarterly meeting of the Catawba League at Charlotte last Saturday.

Dr. L. B. West, of Charlotte, will be our National Missions speaker Sunday night, November 29th, at 7:30 P. M.