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## DR. G. C. SHAW AND MARY POTTER SCHOOL

Letters from all parts of the field, even from the far West and Northwest, are pouring in upon Dr. Shaw, congratulating him on the work he has accomplished.

Forty-five years ago he came to Oxford and found only one Presbyterian, no church, no school. Today Mary Potter School is the pride of our town. Timothy Darling church is modern in equipment and organization, and is one of the strongest in the Synod of Catawba. Indeed Dr. Shaw's life has been a success if we consider success by what a man accomplishes. God has wonderfully honored and blessed his efforts. He has reached the Board's age limit. From his appearance and action, however, it is hard to believe that he is in ten years of it. Never have his sermons been clearer or more forceful, and more enjoyed by the people than now. Dr. Shaw is not quitting. He will still be pastor of Timothy Darling church and more or less active in school work. For him to withdraw or cease to be active in the school or church just now would be a shock to the community, the church and the school and the work would suffer. Dr. Shaw is glorious in character and purity of life. For all these years, not once has his character or habits been questioned by any one. His life has been an inspiration to all with whom he has come in contact, especially students and teachers. No school throughout the South, of the age of Mary Potter, has sent out more outstanding men and women. The Presbyterian Church at large has noted this fact.

When Dr. J. M. Gaston, Secretary of our Colored Work, wanted a man to head up one of our most outstanding schools, a seminary which up to that time had been headed up by a white principal and faculty, he sought a man that had been under the influence of Dr. Shaw, Dr. B. R. Smith. Dr. Smith came fresh from college to Mary Potter and for ten years was a faithful teacher, and assistant pastor to Dr. Shaw. Rev. Smith would not accept the position until he had talked with Dr. Shaw. At the conclusion of his conference he said: "Dr. Shaw, I shall accept the position and shall go to Mary Holmes on my knees." Dr. Shaw replied: "Smith, if you go there on your knees, and stay on your knees, you will come away gloriously on your feet." Rev. Smith has not left Mary Holmes yet, but he certainly is on his feet. He has put Mary Holmes on the map and captured Crockett, Texas. Ask him to what he attributes his success and he will tell you, "My ten years' association with Dr. Shaw at Mary Potter."

Prof. Cornell Johnson, of Columbia, S. C., came directly from college to teach in Mary Potter School, and remained here ten years. He now heads up the schools of Columbia. Ask him to what he attributes his success and he will answer, "My ten years at Mary Potter."

Prof. R. L. Smith, who now heads up the elementary schools of Roanoke, Va., having under him 23 teachers, was a Mary Potter student and later became a Mary Potter teacher. Ask him to what he attributes his success and he will answer as did Dr. B. R. Smith and Prof. C. A. Johnson.

When Dr. J. M. Gaston wanted a man to head up Barber-Scotia College, a college for girls only, which in the past had been headed up by a white principal and faculty, he again sought a man who had been under the influence of Mary Potter—a Mary Potter student, and a Mary Potter teacher for ten

years, going directly from Mary Potter to college and coming directly back from college to Mary Potter where he remained for ten years. Prof. L. S. Cozart, now Dean of Barber-Scotia Junior College, is the man. His success in the field of education in North Carolina is outstanding. Ask him to what he attributes his success and he will answer, "Mary Potter."

Mr. Arthur Dees, Principal of the Eastman High School, and at present an elder of Timothy Darling church, is a Mary Potter man. Mr. Willard McLean, Principal of the Colored High School at Selma, N. C., and also an elder of the Presbyterian church; Rev. M. S. Branch, Principal of Warsaw High School; Prof. Herman Suggs, Principal of the High School at Farmville, N. C., are all Mary Potter graduates. Ask them to what they attribute their success and they will answer "Mary Potter." There are hundreds of teachers who have gone out from Mary Potter School and are teaching in the elementary schools of North Carolina. Ask them what has been the sustaining and influencing power in their lives and they will answer without a single exception, "Mary Potter."

Rev. H. S. Davis, who now comes to us to take charge of the school, came some years ago directly from Johnson C. Smith to Mary Potter to teach. He taught for four consecutive years, and resigned to go to the Northwestern University of Illinois, to do graduate work. So he comes back to Mary Potter not at all a stranger. He has proven his ability by the excellent work he has done at Fayetteville, N. C., since his return to the State. Friends of Mary Potter need not fear for her future. Dr. Shaw's home is on the campus and whether his days be long or short they will be spent there. Rev. Davis knows Dr. Shaw. He knows that his presence and continued interest in the school will be helpful. Dr. Shaw knows Rev. Davis, his intellectual ability, his Christian character, his common sense and his desire not only to carry on the work, but to push it to higher planes.

Dr. Shaw's life can not be duplicated throughout the Church. He has had an outstanding success in church as well as school work. He is at present treasurer of the North Carolina State Teachers' Association. He has been connected with the Association for forty years and has been on its executive committee a large part of this time, stirring this great educational association to success until now its influence is felt throughout this State and the South.

Mary Potter today is 100 per cent in the admiration and appreciation of this community and throughout the State. It is 100 per cent in repair and physical equipment; there is not a window pane out or a piece of plastering down from the walls. With the coming of Rev. Davis, a man of ability and vision, as Principal, and Dr. G. C. Shaw as Principal-Emeritus, to help and advise, and with the added good will and names of Red Stone and Albion, Mary Potter is destined to quicken its steps in the galaxy of schools in the South.

THOMAS L. HICKS, Teacher in Mary Potter School for the last 14 years, and an elder of Timothy Darling church.

The heart that is soonest awake to the flowers is always the first to be touched by the thorns. A dangerous gift! It is a "strange inversion," as Pascal says, that makes the same man sensitive to great things and to trifles.—Ex.

## THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COLORED WOMEN

Chicago, July —(By The Associated Negro Press)—Although the "Century of Progress" meeting of the National Association of Colored Women is yet two weeks away, the vanguard of the determined and progressive women who make up this militant body are already arriving in Chicago. President Sallie W. Stewart, of Evansville, is here, as is Mary McLeod Bethune, former President. Dr. Mary Waring, administration candidate for the presidency, is on the ground as is Mrs. Myrtle Foster Cook, candidate for vice-president and Mrs. Waring's running mate. Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown, of North Carolina, accompanied by a number of stalwart leaders from the Southeastern federation, and backed as an anti-administration candidate, will arrive late this week.

On every delegate's lips the forthcoming contest for office takes precedence. Not that the contest for official preferment is all that the association is interested in, but as Mrs. Stewart explained, "There has always been a race for office. Women are natural politicians. Our convention is like any other. When people gather in church, lodge, club or any other sort of convention, they are inclined to seek office. They wish power, leadership, the opportunity to put their ideas over. Sometimes they seek only personal prestige."

"However, we need change of officers. The association has the prospect of developing new life and new blood under a new program."

"Do you believe that the contest for offices dims the work of the association or that it holds as great a place in the minds of the women of the country as it did a few years ago, Mrs. Stewart?" an A. N. P. reporter queried.

"I believe it will fill a greater place, when we are able to carry out these projects upon which we have embarked. We started out as a charity organization, carrying baskets to the poor, as it were. Our individual clubs in the beginning were required to do some charity work, in addition to any program which they might have had for self-improvement. Gradually we went farther than that and then the national began as an entity contributing to schools, the N. A. A. C. P. and other worthy projects until they finally adopted a program of their own. This was the late Mary B. Talbert's contribution."

The first real association project came when the organization took over the redemption of the Frederick Douglas Home. We adopted the idea of making the home at Anacostia, a shrine in 1916 and burned the mortgage in 1918. In additional improvements and maintenance we have spent some \$32,000.

Then a plan for a scholarship fund was adopted, it being planned eventually to reach the sum of \$50,000. \$12,000 of this fund has been raised. Part of it is deposited in banks and some is in government bonds. Only the interest is to be used and then only for juniors and seniors in college and post-graduate work. At present only one girl is receiving a scholarship, reduced income making this necessary. Hallie Q. Brown initiated this effort.

"I think the association will continue to hold its place. At one time it included everything everybody was doing. About 40 departments we had, health, education, kindergartens, domestic science and a host of others. Now we have eliminated these specific jobs which other organizations are covering and have

settled down to two departments. Our idea is to give women something definite to do so that they can see tangible improvement in home life and the furtherance of the race.

"We also have the headquarters at Washington, D. C. This was planned to be the headquarters of the Negro Women of the World, a central place for our archives, to issue our publications from and to disseminate information to women everywhere. We felt that as Washington was the Capital of the nation and that since our Douglas Home was there, we would center our headquarters there. The D. A. R., the white women's clubs, have their headquarters there and we felt to do likewise.

"In Washington we are able to keep a close eye upon legislation affecting women and our group generally. We paid \$25,000 for our home there and owe \$10,000 on it still. This was Mary McLeod Bethune's idea.

"I have sought during my administration to develop our three point program. Our organization is now a closely knit, well coordinated organization. Formerly any club which chose could send delegates. Now we have State and sectional organizations. Delegates must be duly elected and accredited from their States."

"Sensing the opposition which had been voiced toward women who were devoted to other projects, such as schools, for example, heading up the national, the reporter asked Mrs. Stewart for an opinion on that point.

"Our organization, in consideration of the program before us and the property obligations we have assumed, should be headed by women who are not alone devoted to the cause, but who are free to travel, raise money and spend their time and energies in prosecuting the work of the Association. Actually we need three or four paid workers. With our departments of Women in Industry and Mother, Home and Child Welfare, and the Girl's Association, we need several full time workers to carry through the program which we have outlined for these departments. The program is too strenuous to depend solely upon volunteer workers. We welcome and need volunteer aid, but definite business methods are also needed. We must have people whose time is free to give to the association.

"The States are looking at the candidacy of Dr. Mary Waring, not alone because of the individual or her work in the national association, but also because of her accomplishments in the State of Illinois. Illinois is one of the largest State organizations in the association and has contributed heartily toward every project the association has put forth and is now for the third time hostess to the national convention. Many States will support Illinois' candidate."

The administration is likewise behind Mrs. Janie Porter Barrett, of Virginia, for Treasurer, and Mrs. Minnie Weaver Green, of Oklahoma, for chairman of the executive committee.

The Southern States generally are supporting Charlotte-Hawkins-Brown. She is from the Southeastern, which has a district federation of its own. There are five sectional organizations. The Southeastern has endorsed Mrs. Brown. No other candidate has received a sectional organization. Many individual States have endorsed both Dr. Waring and Mrs. Brown.

Mrs. Daisy Lampkin is in the race as running mate of Mrs. Charlotte Hawkins Brown. Mrs.

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## NEGRO GOLD STAR MOTHERS SAIL FOR EUROPE

New York, June —(By Alvin White for the Associated Negro Press)—Brave smiles on the faces of eighty women starting one of life's saddest journeys flashed on Harlem briefly last week, when the largest contingent of Gold Star Mothers yet to sail, left Hoboken on the Steamer, American Banker, bound for France and the graves of eighty brave American black soldiers who sleep aliens from the "land of the free" in a land that is free.

Assembling in Harlem as the focal point, the women, many of whom were old and nearing the end of life's span, came from all parts of the country. The first group arrived on June 21st, staying at the Young Women's Christian Association in West 137th Street, just as in previous years.

Colonel B. O. Davis, of Tuskegee, ranking Negro military officer in the service, was in charge of the party and saw to all of the arrangements for them. Taxicabs were provided to take the Mothers from the Y. W. C. A. to the pier in Hoboken where their transportation aboard was assumed by the cabin steamer, American Banker.

As in past years, the same "Jim Crow" arrangements and accommodations were accorded these brave women, none the less brave than their sons, who, fifteen years ago fighting to make the world safe for democracy, felt the tyrannical heel of "Mr. James Crow" promulgated and executed by the same party now in power.

No change in the accommodations, no faster boat, no better boat, the same type of quarters, the same slow-poke methods of attending to the wants of these women, the same non-recognition by everybody as in past years. Jim-Crow from the start, the tour will in all probability be Jim Crow to the finish.

Traveling under government care from their homes to New York, the party assembled in small groups. No special arrangement had been made for their trip to the city, a tiresome journey for the strong.

In the party sailing on Friday were the following: Mrs. Mary P. Abernathy, Lubbock, Texas; Mrs. F. G. Banks, Charleston, W. Va.; Mrs. Janie Bell, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Mary Bennett, Jackson, Tenn.; Mrs. A. I. Berkeley, New York City; Mrs. Emma Best, Tarboro, N. C.; Mrs. Carrie G. Brown, Eatonton, Ga.; Miss Vennie Brown, New York City; Mrs. Mattie J. Burkes, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Malvina Burrows, New Orleans, La.; Mrs. Mary Butler, Ocala, Fla.; Mrs. Maggie Carpenter, Jellio, Tenn.; Mrs. Lovella Carter, Oakridge, La.; Mrs. Sadie Cobbin, Westwood, N. K.; Mrs. Mary Collins, Soperton, Ga.; Mrs. Rosie Couch, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Julia Crews, Oxford, N. C.; Mrs. Kate Dennis, Montgomery, Ala.; Mrs. Ada Holt Denison, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Lizzie Dockery, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Annie Dunn, Grenada, Mass.; Mrs. Allie Dupree, Falkland, N. C.; Mrs. Alice J. Elliott, Milwaukee, Wis.; Mrs. Emma B. Fletcher, Birmingham, Ala.; Mrs. Cora Gaston, Girardeau, Mo.; Mrs. Daniel George, Macon, Ga.; Mrs. Lillie Gilyard, Muskogee, Okla.; Mrs. M. L. Grant, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Lucinda Gray, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Lee Hagler, Gilmer, Texas; Mrs. Laura B. Hamilton, Newark, N. J.; Mrs. Lela Harris, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Pella Harrell, Grésson, Ga.; Mrs. Henrietta Henderson, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Christina Hickson, Columbus, Ohio; Mrs. Julia B. Hickson, Middleboro, Ky.; Mrs. Rachel Holcombe, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Lena Hughes, Cecil, La.; Mrs. Fran-

ces P. Johnson, Pulaski, Va.; Mrs. Mamie Johnson, Shreveport, La.; Mrs. Agnes Jones, Jackson, Tenn.; Mrs. Cleo W. Jones, Waynesboro, Ga.; Mrs. Rachel Jones, Buffalo, N. Y.; Mrs. Ida Kelly, Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mrs. Lizzie J. King, Gary, Ind.; Mrs. Anna Lewis, Raymond, Miss.; Mrs. Maggie Lewis, Hamilton, Ohio; Mrs. Maggie Marshall, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Mary McFadden, Alcolu, S. C.; Mrs. Susan A. Middleton, Jacksonville, Fla.; Mrs. Emma R. Mitchell, Valdosta, Ga.; Mrs. Sarah Mitchell, Holdenville, Oklahoma; Mrs. Arena Moore, Joiner, Ark.; Mrs. Lula Moore, Sasakwa, Okla.; Mrs. Lillian Moses, Darlington, S. C.; Mrs. Maggie Paschal, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Minnie Pearl, Gretna, La.; Mrs. Lettie Powell, Brunswick, Ga.; Mrs. Lucy Nash, Akron, Ohio; Mrs. Lula A. Nichols, Petersburg, S. C.; Mrs. Exie H. Randlen, Indiana Springs, Ga.; Mrs. Anna Richardson, Ensley, Ala.; Mrs. Leslie Riggs, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Mary Rumley, Eckman, W. Va.; Mrs. Mattie Showalter, Vicksburg, Miss.; Mrs. Annie Spencer, Wadesboro, N. C.; Mrs. Lottie Stanford, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Lizzie C. Stinson, Fort Lawn, S. C.; Mrs. Bessie Strawther, Urbana, Ohio; Mrs. Lula Swift, Brownsville, Tenn.; Mrs. Eliza Sidom, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Alice Swilling, Charlotte, N. C.; Mrs. Delia Thomas, Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Emma Thomas, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Mrs. Martha Thorpe, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Mrs. Martha Wade, Rocky Mount, N. C.; Mrs. Alice Ward, Hazelhurst, Ga.; Mrs. Annie Williams, Birmingham, Ala.; and Mrs. Linnie Williams, Nixon, Texas.

## COTTON CAMPAIGN RE-GARDED A SUCCESS

Uncle Sam asked North Carolina cotton farmers to remove 121,000 bales of cotton from production this season and North Carolina cotton farmers had agreed to remove 122,843 bales at the close of the campaign on Sunday, July 16.

"North Carolina was given an allotment of 363,000 acres to remove from cultivation," says Dean I. O. Schaub, of State College. "At the prevailing rate of this meant 121,000 bales or production for the cotton belt about one-third of a bale to the acre. It so happens that this State usually averages over one-third of a bale and that prospects for the crop this year were the best ever. At the close of the campaign, North Carolina cotton growers had contracted to remove 219,363 acres from production and about 1,500 contracts had not been finally passed upon.

The Dean said, Gaston, Pender, Pasquotank and Davidson counties went over the top in removing the acreage allotted. Other high counties making the honor roll but not quite meeting their allotments were: Anson, Bertie, Craven, Edgecombe, Halifax, Iredell, Martin, Mecklenburg, Northampton, Rutherford, Union and Wayne.

The remaining 51 cotton producing counties made an excellent showing considering all the difficulties encountered and it is believed that the State would have met its allotment both in bales and acres had there been more time for preparation and had the necessary blanks and instructions been sent on time.

Mr. Schaub cautions cotton growers not to remove any cotton until notified individually and then remove exactly according to the contract. When the fields have been finally inspected checks will come forward in payment of rental benefits.