

WHEN OUR EYES ARE HOLDEN

A Program for Young People's Meeting

By Miss Annie Chresfield

A prayer service of ten minutes by the prayer committee, the leader and all the officers of the society.

A song service.

Opening words: "If thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If, therefore, the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness."

Response: "Eyes have they, but they see not."

(Copy this response, that all may read it.)

Prayer.

Announcement of the topic and Bible reading from Luke 24:13-31.

The leader's message.

Prayer by the leader.

Singing: "Send Forth Thy Light."

Discussion of the Topic.

When Bernice Did Not See.

When the Light Was Dark-

ness.

Why Ray could not see.

Fog.

1. Can one look at a person

and fail to see them? If so, explain how it is done.

2. Why did the two friends mentioned in the Bible reference today fail to recognize Jesus?

3. Explain why Bernice failed to see Earl.

4. Mabel Parham, honor graduate from a college, had learned while there to think that worship of God and Christianity were useless. Why should one say that her light was darkness?

5. What had stopped Ray Faulkner from seeing good in Christianity?

6. What is it that acts like fog when one may feel that he ought to look to Jesus?

Prayer: Father, grant that I shall not live in such a way that I fail to see Thee or to be conscious of Thy presence. Amen.

Singing: "I Want to See Jesus."

Reports from Committees.

Offering and prayer.

Report of the Secretary.

Singing: "Now the Day Is Over."

Benediction.

The Leader's Message

"Why couldn't they see it was Jesus?" You may ask this question as you think of how His two friends walked along and talked with Jesus. "It seems to me I would have known Him," you may add, thoughtfully. Perhaps you would have known Him; perhaps not. It depends so largely on your state of mind. Had you listened and believed beforetime when He spoke of His coming death and of His rising again from the dead, then you would have expected Him. (You would have known it was He, as you looked and listened. But if you had listened carelessly or not at all, if you had not thought or prayed about it, then the words of the women would have seemed unbelievable and your eyes, too, would have been holden as you stood so near Him that evening. Love and faith have so much to do with what we see and hear and believe. That is why so many are filled with doubt and confusion today. Their eyes are holden by so many material things that they fail to see Jesus.

When Bernice Did Not See

Alice Mays was telling Bernice Alden about the dress at Borden's. "It's sweet, Bernice," she said; "so soft and frilly and girlish and such an adorable pink, and it has been marked down to \$9.95. You know I paid \$12.50 for my pale green, but this is prettier. You get it and we will sit together at Mrs. Forest's party tomorrow night. Pale pink and pale green will look pleasing."

Both girls gave little squeals of delight as they embraced each other.

"I am going up right now and I'll go by and get the money from father," said Bernice. As she started up the street she heard Alice's voice calling, "Earl has come," but though she heard she did not fully grasp the meaning of the words for her mind was on the dress. That is why she let Earl Forest, popular young son of the hostess of the party, stand with

lifted hat and extended hand unheeded, almost near enough to touch her. She was in front of Borden's looking through the window at the lovely, filmy pink dress. "I did not see you," she explained to Earl next evening. "Nonsense," replied he; "you almost walked over me."

When the Light Was Dark-

ness. Mr. Parham stood on the steps of his lovely home on this beautiful Sabbath morning with a hurt look on his troubled face. He was thinking of Myrtle, his twenty year old daughter who had graduated a few weeks ago from college with honors. He had been so glad to have her back in the home. It had been lonely since her mother died, with Myrtle away. And now that she was back he was not happy. Myrtle had been too busy for family prayer every morning, and now for the fifth Sabbath, after serving a perfect breakfast, she had taken her favorite magazine and lain down on the couch. "Something?" she asked as Mr. Parham came back into the room. "Yes," he said; "I would like so much for you to go to church with me. You always liked to go before you went away." Myrtle regarded her father's troubled face. "I can not explain it to you, father, but while at college I learned that going to church and all of these things we have been doing are very useless. I could prove it, but I'll go with you next time just to please you," she said. As her father turned to go the expression of pain had increased.

Why Ray Could Not See

Elder Stafford stood in the door of Ray Faulkner's nice, clean, up-to-date grocery store. "Good evening, Ray; it is about closing time, isn't it?" he asked. "Good evening, Mr. Stafford; it is about closing time, but I will wait on you."

"I do not want any groceries, thank you, Ray; I came to talk to you. I have not seen you out at church very often lately," he said. Ray's head went up.

"I send my money every Sunday," said he.

"Yes, I know you do," replied the elder, "but we want you. God wants you. As for the money, you will stop sending that, too, if you are not interested enough to come yourself."

"Seems like I do not see the good in church and such things that I once saw," remarked Ray.

"No wonder," replied Elder Stafford. "I notice your attachment to the S. girl. She is not a bad girl, Ben L. and Jack F. are good friends of yours. They are very wild young men. The pool room, the dance hall and the cards with your fast group of friends have so blinded you to all good that you can not see good in the church, or Christians or Jesus."

"I believe you are right, Mr. Stafford. If I can get rid of this gang I am coming back," answered Ray.

Fog

Fog still baffles man's ingenuity and the power of science and invention. Automobiles crash into each other in a fog. Ships at sea collide with each other while many are lost in heavy, thick fog. The continual sins we commit bring clouds of mist and darkness about us. We can no longer see good in sermons, prayers or songs. We are like one who has gazed at some dazzling object so long that everything else seems dim and dark. We do not realize that our hearts have grown hard, our minds have ceased to be prayerful, though some formal sentences may come from our lips at night before we go to bed. No wonder our faith grows so dim that we fail to see Jesus. He is not real to us any more, and we blame everything, everybody but ourselves. If our hearts are filled with wickedness and evil the things of God seem dim and unreal. Let us remember that the light is burning as bright as ever. We only need to rise above the fog of our sinful living.

Stephen's ministry did not end on that black day in Jerusalem. His death scattered the embers of the fires of faith over the whole known world. The persecution that began with him continued until the Christians were "scattered abroad."— Dr. W. T. Ellis.

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PEOPLE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, COLO.

Our Presbyterian Daily Vacation Bible School started June the 15th and closed on July the 10th. The total enrolled was 85 and the average attendance was 51. We had no paid teachers; all were volunteers. The pastor, Rev. M. H. Wilkinson, was the director; Mrs. Flora Stell, Superintendent; Mrs. Mary Brickler, Pianist; Mrs. David N. Howell, music director. Teachers: Misses Ione and Naomi Goodman, Roberta Motley, Ovid Brown, Mary Samms, Mary James, Vivian Murphy, and Mr. Wm. Johnson.

A picnic outing was given Wednesday, the 8th, at the city park, at which time free ice cream was served, through the kindness of Mr. David N. Howell, Secretary of the Boys' Work of the Glenarm Y. M. C. A.

The closing was Friday night at the church, at which time Bibles were given away for the best memory tests and other minor remembrances for regular and on-time attendance; candies were also given to all. This was public, at which time parents and friends were in attendance.

The Young People's quarterly program will be rendered on Sunday, the 19th, at the vesper hour. Prof. Spratlin, of Howard University, Washington, D. C., will bring us the central message.

Dr. C. Lee Wilmoth, returned worker from Ethiopia, was the vesper speaker Sunday the 5th. He spoke from the subject, "Life and Customs in Ethiopia," which was enjoyed by all. The Fall meeting of Presbytery will be held with our church, September 15th.

MRS. MARY BRICKLER.

SCHOOL EQUALITY BEFORE COURTS IN TWO STATES

New York, July 10.—Arguments in two cases in which Negroes are seeking equality in educational facilities were being heard today in Columbia, Mo., and Baltimore, Md. In Missouri, the court is hearing the suit of Lloyd Gaines, young colored college graduate, who wishes to study law at the University of Missouri. Gaines is being represented by Sidney R. Redmond, of St. Louis, and Charles H. Houston, special counsel of the N. A. A. C. P. in New York. In Baltimore argument is being heard today on a demurrer filed by attorneys for Baltimore county to the suit being pressed against the County to force it to provide high school facilities for colored children. There are now eleven high schools for white children in Baltimore county and none for Negroes.

The attorney for the colored parents is Thurgood Marshall, of Baltimore, a member of the legal redress committee of the Baltimore N. A. A. C. P. branch. Mr. Marshall was the attorney in the famous University of Maryland case and was successful in securing a court order forcing the University of Maryland to admit Donald Gaines Murray to its law school.

FAIRFIELD YOUNG PEOPLE'S CONFERENCE

Following is the program of the Young People's Conference of Fairfield Presbytery to be held at Kendall Institute, Sumter, S. C., July 22 to 25, 1936:

Officers

Rev. A. S. Powe—Dean.

Miss T. L. Frierson—Secy.

Mrs. J. R. Dungee—Treasurer.

Faculty

Director—Mr. J. T. Jones;

General Director—Rev. A. B. McCoy, D. D.

Rev. G. W. Long, D. D.

Miss H. N. Usher.

Mr. F. K. Butler.

Mr. Edward Gregg.

Miss Belle McCoy.

Miss Ruth Walker.

Rev. W. J. Nelson, D. D.

Mrs. W. I. P. Roseborough.

Miss Amanda James.

Miss Virginia Alexander.

Rev. H. L. Counts.

Rev. J. F. Henderson.

Guest Speaker—Rev. J. W. Bramhall, Jr.

Wednesday, July 22nd, at 8 P. M. Director Jones, presiding.

1. Song Service.

2. Welcome Address.

3. Response.

4. Music.

5. Annual Address—Rev. A. S. Powe.

6. Instruction to Delegates.

7. Introduction of Officers and Faculty.

8. Collection.

9. Report of Committees.

10. Closing prayer.

Daily Schedule

6:30 Rising Bell.

7:45 Breakfast.

8:15 Faculty Meeting.

9:00 Group A

(1) Adult Bible: The Life of

Christ—120 A.

Dr. G. W. Long.

(2) Young People's Bible: A Brief Survey of the Old Testament: Course 121 A.

Dr. W. J. Nelson.

Group B

9:45 (1) Sunday School Administration—Mr. J. T. Jones.

(2) Planning Young People's Society Programs—Mrs. W. I. P. Roseborough.

(3) Vacation Bible School—Miss H. N. Usher.

10:40-10:50—Recess.

10:55—Report of Groups.

11:45—The Presbyterian Church and Its Program

Mr. F. K. Butler.

12:15—Dinner.

12:45-1:45—Rest.

1:15—Recreation and Games. Miss Amanda James, Mr. Edward Gregg, Rev. J. F. Henderson and Rev. H. L. Counts.

6:15-6:45—Supper.

6:45-7:20—Vesper—Dr. J. T. Wright.

8:00—Popular Meeting.

Wednesday—President's Address.

Thursday—Addresses.

Friday—An Evening with the Young People—Miss Virginia Alexander, Miss Belle McCoy and Miss Ruth Walker.

Friday—Catechism Contest

Rev. P. W. Toney.

Instructions to Delegates

1. Bring your Bibles.

2. Come in time for opening Wednesday evening, July 22nd, at 8 o'clock, and remain through the closing service, July 25th, at noon.

3. Bring the following toilet articles: soap, towels, two sheets and pillow cases. For recreation, bring rubber-soled shoes and knickers.

4. Any Sunday school paying 10 cents per capita in full is entitled to free board and lodging for one delegate, and for each additional 50 members for which it pays 10 cents per capita the school is entitled to one additional delegate with free board and lodging.

5. All delegates are required to pay a registration fee of 50c.

McCLELLAND SCHOOL OF METHODS

The Sunday School Convention and School of Methods of McClelland Presbytery will meet at Harbison Institute, Irmo, S. C., Tuesday night, July 21, 1936, at 8:30, closing Friday night, July 24. All Sunday schools are urged to send as many delegates as possible. The assessment will be seven cents per capita. Registration and Board will be \$2.00.

Adults are urged to attend as well as young people.

Those delegates who attended last year's School of Methods and assumed the responsibility of carrying out certain projects obtained during that session are expected to report.

We are going to have many new features this year with the hope of making this the biggest and best School of Methods thus far had.

MARCIA V. MARION, President.

CALVIN M. YOUNG, Jr., Corresponding Secretary.

NOTICE

The 29th annual meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Western District of Yadkin Presbytery will convene in Pleasant Grove Presbyterian church near Statesville, Rev. Z. A. Dockery, D. D., pastor, July 30, 1936, at 10 o'clock A. M. All delegates will please send their names to Mrs. George Smith, Statesville, N. C., Route 1 Box 4, so that homes can be provided for you. We are hoping to have another successful meeting and a large number will attend.

We congratulate the societies for the splendid work done the past year. Many of you have already paid your Synodical dues and we trust that all will pay before our meeting.

The names of the societies in this district are Allen's Temple, Freedom, Logan, Mooresville, Mt. Tabor, Mocksville, Mt. Vernon and Tradd Street.

MRS. M. S. COWAN, Leader.

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NEW YORKERS HOLD VIRGINIA DAY CELEBRATION

Brooklyn, N. Y., July — (ANP)—A combined Virginia Day Celebration and Pew Rally was held here Sunday at Brown Memorial Baptist church, under the auspices of the Society of the Sons of Virginia, John G. Brooks, President. A varied program of vocal and instrumental selections, speeches and readings was presented. Dr. Porter W. Phillips is pastor of the church.

REVIVAL MEETINGS

Revival meeting starts at Oakland Presbyterian church in Yadkin Presbytery on July 27 and will continue through August 2nd. All members and friends are urged to be present at the services. Rev. J. P. Johnson, of Salisbury, will conduct the meeting.

Revival meeting starts at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian church on August 3rd and will continue through August 9. All members and friends are urged to be present at all of these services. Rev. W. G. Anderson, of Mary Potter School, Oxford, N. C., will conduct the services.

Rev. C. A. Washington is pastor of both of these churches.

YADKIN CENTRAL CONVENTION

All persons officially delegated to attend the Sabbath School Convention of the Central District of Yadkin Presbytery, which meets with the Pine Street church Sunday school, Durham, N. C., August 6 and 7, 1936, are asked to send in their names at their earliest convenience to either of the persons whose addresses appear below so that accommodations can be made.

All delegates are asked to report at the Pine Street church and manse which are located one block South of the Union R. R. station and about five blocks from the bus station. Address all communications to

J. R. BAKER, Supt., 910 Fayetteville St., Durham, N. C., or

MRS. CORA T. RUSSELL, Cor. Sec. 411 Pine Street, Durham, N. C.

NOTICE

The Eastern District Presbyterian Convention of the Yadkin Presbytery will hold its regular annual meeting August 7th, 1936, with Bowers' Chapel Presbyterian church, Laurinburg, N. C. The opening will be at 2 P. M. Executive session meets at 1:30 P. M.

We are asking that each local Presbyterian report in full by pastor, President and delegate. Let us have a 100 per cent meeting. We have been representing well; yes, good, better; let this meeting be the best.

Let each of us feel that it is his duty to help to make this meeting a successful one. Come prepared to meet all obligations.

MRS. L. K. WALL, Secretary. Aberdeen, N. C.

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