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THE AIM OF THE PREACHING MISSION

During the last two or three months this paper has printed several articles on the National Preaching Mission. This movement, which is nation-wide in its scope, is now in full swing. It may, therefore, be helpful at this time to re-state its purpose as set forth by one of the leaders in the campaign: "The National Preaching Mission is a united attempt on the part of the churches to bring about a spiritual awakening in America. It rests on the conviction that nothing is so important as to build stronger foundations of Christian faith in the nation."

FOR PEACE OR WAR

"Do your sacrificing now!" is one of the slogans of the rapidly growing Emergency Peace Campaign organized last Spring to wage a two-year "vigorous cooperative nation-wide campaign to keep the United States from going to war, and to achieve world peace." The motto is based on the principal that sooner or later everyone living will sacrifice time, money or life for war—unless instead they make sacrifices of time or money in safeguarding peace. "The sacrifice will be made," says the movement's literature. "The only question is: Will it be for war or for peace?"

Participation in a national poll of individuals for peace is one of this fall's activities of the campaign. The Emergency Peace Campaign, first suggested among the Society of Friends now includes among its sponsors men and women of all faiths. National headquarters are at Philadelphia. "Churches, synagogues and other religious groups have within them many people determined to get rid of war," a campaign folder reports, "because it undermines everything for which they stand. The campaign seeks to increase, unify and make more effective this will to peace."

WHAT TO DO WITH HALF-HEARTS

(From The Presbyterian)

Half-hearts are not worth much. They will not function strong enough to keep a person going and yet one does not want to cast them out and throw them away. The Christian Church has its full quota of half-hearted people. They are interested, yes, in a way, but not enough interested to lift a load or sustain a cause or go forward to victory. Every church session marks many names on the communicant list, and writes one-half. Jesus declared that there are no "be-tweenites."

However, we must be on our guard. Some of us get the notion that a person is whole-hearted, because he rushes about, fussing, talking and tearing. Generally we find he soon wears out, and his zeal was not whole-hearted at all. Some again think whole-heartedness consists in the strong avowal of a creed and a bitter censure for anyone who may differ by jot or tittle from the statement thus marked out. Many a contender for the faith is more whole-hearted for his own opinion and judgment than for the cause of Christ. Some very calm and charitable people are more whole-hearted than we know. Time tests whole-heartedness. "He that endures to the end shall be saved." To the end, mind you, in spite of hardship and incon-

venience along the way. Whole-hearted people suffer much and sacrifice more. They differ from the half-hearted in that they do not seek nor usually get the prizes of life.

Now what to with them? We see nothing but constant prayer in their behalf and an example of fidelity that will assure them that there is something in Christ after all.

A MEMORIAL FOR THE LATE MRS. UNDERHILL

Sunday, September 20th, 1936, at 3:30 P. M. the ladies of the First African Presbyterian church, 17th and Fitzwater in conjunction with their Pew Rally, will present the Reverend Irvin W. Underhill, Jr., of Cameroun, Africa, in his first appearance since his return, as guest speaker.

The funds raised are for the erection of a suitable Memorial to memory of the late Susan Reynolds Underhill, deceased wife of the Reverend Irvin W. Underhill, Jr., whose beautiful sacrificial life, in Conference with the women of our Missionary Society, so vitalized their activities, that these good women of the Church raised and sent to the Board of Foreign Missions the sum of \$234.00 to aid in bringing for the first time in the history of Christian Missions, Christ Jesus to the "Pigmy Tribe" of Africa.

The late Mrs. Susan Reynolds Underhill held a conference during her furlough in 1933 with the women of the Missionary Society of the First African Presbyterian church, which so impressed them, that at once they began preparing such supplies as blankets and like useful articles as suggested by Mrs. Underhill. Returning to their new field, Batauga, Africa, a letter reached the pastor here telling of how God had opened the way for the ingathering of souls, and of one Endenge Pipa, released from a leper camp, completely cured, being used of God mightily in winning many of his people. Rev. Mr. Underhill desired to have him as a native helper but funds were in sight. Confident that God alone had opened the door; and that someone would furnish the means, if it were but known, Endenge was sent to work at Soimwate, on the strength of the open door. The letter was read to the congregation and the Missionary Society raised and sent \$109 for one year's support of Endenge. In 1935, \$336 was raised; \$176 was sent to the Foreign Board and \$126 went for work among the Pigmy tribe, which resulted in the Board budgeting the "Pigmy" work.

The Christlike impression of Mrs. Underhill and the contagion of her contact upon the good women of the Missionary Society have gone forward. When the late Mrs. Susan Reynolds Underhill fell on her untimely death, the society determined this praise worthy objective to perpetuate the memory of that sacrificial, heroic Christlike character. We greatly desire that all our Afro-Presbyterian churches, and others who care to, may have a share in the most worthy memorial. The memorial is to be a library, at the cost of \$25000. May we count on your aid?

THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

Mrs. Lucy J. Hill, President, E. A. Mitchell, Minister

P. S. Mr. Russell Carter, of the Foreign Missions Board, is custodian of all funds raised for this purpose.

"ADULT MOVEMENT" PLANS SEMINARS

Regional conferences and seminars for considering methods of applying Christian ideals to today's problems of American adult life are planned for many parts of the United States and Canada by the new United Adult Movement. This movement, whose leaders state that it will work through existing organizations in church and nation without forming "another organization," was initiated during the summer by a conference at Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, attended by 200 men and women, including 55 Presbyterians. The conference was called by the Committee on Religious Education of Adults, of the International Council of Religious Education.

Good humor is the world's best logic in most cases.

JOHNSON C. SMITH BEGINS A NEW YEAR

On Thursday, Sept. 17, Johnson C. Smith University began its seventieth annual session with the formal opening in Biddle Memorial Hall at 10 o'clock. After the usual prayer service President McCrorey delivered a brief address of welcome to the student body and faculty. There were also present several visitors, some of them coming from a distance. The President told the students that a group of young people bent on the search for knowledge was always inspiring to him and commanded his highest regard. He said that these were days of unemployment but he would urge students to use well their leisure time so as to be prepared for openings when conditions change. He closed his remarks by introducing the guest speaker, Professor Hardy Liston, class '11, Dean of Knoxville College and President of the general Alumni Association of Smith University.

Dean Liston took as his subject, "Being Modern," which was treated in practical way, yet not without literary merit. Some of the modern trends in present-day behavior were discussed from the point of an abundant experience growing out of his long service as an educator. The address will probably appear in the Afro in the near future.

Among the visitors present was the Reverend P. N. Boykin, of Charlotte, who read the Scripture and later was called upon for a few remarks. Mr. Boykin is always interesting as a speaker and upon this occasion his address was well received. He closed his talk by promising the President one hundred dollars for the proposed girls' dormitory provided Dr. McCrorey would visit Charlotte soon. This the President readily agreed to do. Other ministers occupying seats on the rostrum and taking part in the exercises were Rev. A. H. Prince, who offered prayer, and the Rev. H. Wilson, D.D., who pronounced the benediction. Dr. C. H. Shute, Dean of the School of Theology, presided at the exercises.

On Tuesday evening, preceding the formal opening, a reception was given the new first year men in the university dining hall. There was a program of short talks by professors and responses by members of the class. This is always intended to begin the orientation of Freshmen. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all.

The university congratulates itself upon the very favorable prospect under which it begins this year's work. All professors, with a few exceptions, attended summer school, and were back on time. The enrollment thus far is gratifying and the type of new students above the average. The outlook is indeed encouraging. R. L. D.

CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY

The General Council and the Board of Christian Education have cooperated in planning for and preparing materials for use by the churches this fall and winter in their participating in a nation-wide emphasis on "Christ in the Life of the Community." A booklet, "The Church in Its Community," will be obtainable after October 15 on request from the Board of Christian Education, Witherspoon Building, Philadelphia.

Approved by the Syracuse General Assembly, this emphasis on the community is in line with similar emphasis this year by 41 communions, members of the International Council of Religious Education. The purpose is to help each church become more alert to its responsibility to its community, and to make its presence effectively felt in the community through Christian service.

DR. WESLEY NOTES IMPROVEMENT

Philadelphia, Sept. — (C) — Dr. Charles Wesley of Howard University has written Rev. George A. Singleton, new editor of the Christian Recorder, that much improvement is noted in the paper since the new editor took charge.

"SEA ISLAND" COTTON COMES BACK

Washington, Sept. — (C) — The Sea Island cotton industry, destroyed ten years ago by the boll weevil, is coming back, according to agricultural experts. The demand for this long-stapled cotton is great in European cities by manufacturers of fine goods.

SUMMERING IN THE ADIRONDACKS

By Ruth N. Freeman

Article V.

Last week, you remember, we visited Windy Point and Little Deer Lake, fed the wild ducks from our hands, and saw the West Canada Creek.

I neglected to tell you one interesting fact about Hinkley Lake. Where this body of water now stands at one time was the village of Northwood. The lake is unsafe for non-swimmers as there are any number of great holes, foundations from buildings, and large stumps in great quantities. As the water recedes one can see them sticking up out of the water any where. Another mysterious fact is that there are beaches all around the lake, and the shore is covered with sand and tiny stones, as are all the natural beaches. There is absolutely nothing about Hinkley Lake to make one think that it is artificial but it is.

Now I shall tell you a few facts about the changing and unchanging beauty of this section of New York State. We all know that there are four seasons of the year in the United States, but the climate is changeable with the seasons. In this particular section it is subject to change without notice. Judging from my experience of life here I should say there are about six weeks of Summer, two months of Spring, two of Fall, and the rest is Winter.

But, getting back to my story, the fact I want to make clear to you is that the seasons change but the beauty and activities of the Adirondacks are unchangeable. Of course there may be a difference of opinion, but I'll give you my view-point as I have found them at each season of the year.

Needless to say that Spring is beautiful. Everyone welcomes Spring after the long dreary Winter has passed and the blanket of snow and ice is carefully folded and laid away in our sunshine boxes, and everything seems to bloom and spring into newness of life. Our very souls are lifted up and refreshed. It is the same here if one drives through as soon as the woods will permit in early Spring. You will find green hills to greet you, and crocuses shooting up from under the snow; birds chattering, chipmunks running through the woods, and other wild animals—all filled with happiness and peace, because of the approach of beautiful Spring.

As time advances more vegetation comes to life. Then from the latter part of May to June the 15th all leaves are out. Then comes the Summer, but only in season, as the temperature is still too cool for Summer weather. From that time till the last week of August the temperature rises and falls; then by the last week the sun changes, becomes weaker and looks like the Fall sun of other places. We have lots of rain at this time of year, and everything is damp.

The Lakes all send up a white vapor or fog in the mornings, due to the chilliness of the atmosphere and the warmth of the water.

Now for September and October—the two most beautiful months of the year for these parts. Gardens, that is flower gardens, are in full bloom by the first of September all through the country. The foliage of the trees begins to turn—the Maple first, which changes to red. Then others until the whole woods looks like one big flower garden. There are so many different colors there, with the evergreens all mixed in. As one rides along up onto hills, down into valleys, and gazes off in the distance, drinking in all this beautiful scenery, you will say surely this is the most beautiful flower garden that I have ever seen—and it has never been cultivated—a sight never to be forgotten.

By the latter part of October the snow begins to fall and lasts till May first. Then with the sun shining upon it, sending out those thousands of sparkles as bright as stars at night or diamonds, the scene forces the idea of a crystal palace. And the same is true in the heart of Winter when all vegetation is really laden with snow and ice.

Does this not prove my statement that it is changing but unchangeable? With all my experiences of life I have found that everything has its drawbacks. I know your curiosity is working now. You are wondering what could be the drawback to this lovely country as I have pointed out one beautiful picture after another to you.

But I have not said anything about the soil heretofore. It is very unfertile. It is absolutely no good for farming or gardening. I have seen great fields of nothing but black dirt. Not even grass will grow upon it, and in places where it has been justified, only white potatoes and buckwheat will grow. These serve as the chief diet for the natives that reside here the year round. In Winter their only means of travel is on snowshoes. These shoes resemble tennis rockets and are fastened to the bottom of one's shoes. With this equipment you can tread upon the snow very comfortably.

Owing to the fact that there are so many evergreens and trees here the woods are always green. Different sections are used by the Winter sports lovers for skiing and sleighing. Both of these pastimes are dangerous and have taken many lives.

Lakes freeze over and are used for skating and ice harvesting. The same condition exists here as on lakes. The woodbed is so thickly matted with leaves and underbrush, together with the dampness, that it becomes warmer than the air above thereby sending up the same vapor as the water. By the time this vapor reaches the tops of the trees it freezes to them and makes them look as though they are laden with snow.

Utica, N. Y.

ATLANTIC SYNOD

Atlantic Synod meets Oct. 22, 1936, with the Ebenezer Presbyterian church, Rome, Ga. All roads lead to Rome, and we are expecting a large representation of elders and ministers from all of the Presbyteries in our Synod.

Plans are being perfected to entertain the Synod comfortably and pleasantly; but we can not do this well unless you inform us of your intention to come. In form the pastor of your coming, and whether your wife will accompany you. Send us also the names of the elders coming from your field.

J. A. McDANIEL, Minister, 918 West First St., Rome, Ga.

ASSEMBLY ASKS WHITMAN HONOR

A large number of churches have indicated their intention to follow the recommendation of the 1936 General Assembly that they observe the Whitman-Spalding Centennial on some definite date this autumn, according to the Board of National Missions, which offers literature and other helps for such celebrations. Other churches earlier in the year celebrated this 100th anniversary of the beginning of Presbyterian missions among the Indians of the far Northwest in "the Oregon country." The celebrating churches are in at least thirty states.

In their observance of the Centennial the churches are in line with the United States government which this summer issued a "1936 Oregon Territory" commemorative postage stamp; with Washington and Idaho states, which officially celebrated during the spring and summer, with a large section of New York Synod, which celebrated in June at Rushville and Prattsburg, New York, the towns from which in 1835 Dr. and Mrs. Marcus Whitman and the Rev. and Mrs. Henry H. Spalding—pioneer Presbyterian missionaries to the Oregon Indians—set out for the almost unknown Northwest; with the 1936 Assembly, which observed the Centennial at Syracuse; and with Idaho Synod, which will have a long-planned celebration in October.

On the Sunday before Thanksgiving Day all Presbyterian Sunday schools, according to the 1936 General Assembly, are urged to take an offering for missionary work among the Indians and for reconstruction of the historic Spalding church in

BY THE WAY

By Uncle Billie

About a year ago, a young minister dropped by Edisto Island to see Edisto Island and her Presbyterian efforts and just what Edisto Island looks like, and he went away very poorly impressed. He went away and said: "Uncle Billie has nothing over there." In fact, one is likely to get this impression, stopping over night on any of these islands, relative to any denomination or color.

In 1918 a Presbyterian minister (white) was called to the white Presbyterian church here, and he laughed at me and criticized me for not having weekly prayer services and preaching every Sabbath night. He was going to have these services and also preaching Saturday before his regular communion services. I told him that would be a fine thing if he could get it to work. But he saw nothing other than something workable. I bade him God's speed. But it fell down before it began; and Saturday services preparatory to the communion were carried out with the pastor and two good women present; and I met them at the post-office and they told me, in inquiring as to the attendance, that they felt ashamed at the number present. That was the end.

For over two hundred years white and black peoples have failed to tax the seating capacity of churches on this island. But they do on some certain occasion.

But Edisto Island is an island where something has been done in fact, and where we have something. Edisto Island is the only island in Charleston County, where a Negro can walk up to the preacher and offer his hand to become a member of the church in the Presbyterian denomination or any other denomination here or on any other island. In other churches of the Presbyterian faith or other faiths, you may come up and offer your hand, in sackcloth and ashes, under Pauline conversion, but you are received on "probation." You will have to go out and "seek" and "see something"; and come back and report to some "leader" appointed by the church to "watch" over you.

A young minister of our Church preached on one of our Islands a few Sabbaths ago; and after preaching he invited sinners to join the church. A large number of young people came up, and he thought they had accepted Christ. They "just came up to be prayed for; they had to go out and seek." Nobody joined the church that day; and the elders told the poor, disappointed preacher: "That's right; they has to seek."

We broke that up on Edisto Island, and seventeen have been added to our church since April; and they are still seeking first the Kingdom of Heaven that all other things may be added. And truly we can say that these young people are the direct results of our day school in the Sabbath school.

No man can come to Edisto Island and spend a week or two or three days and go away without being impressed with labor done and sacrifices made and results outstanding.

One will find it quite against one's efforts to try to eradicate such ideas out of old Negroes. This must be done in the school room in the hearts of your pupils, and then you will find it difficult; for to educate is easy if the mind is docile; but it is difficult to uneducate, be the mind ever so docile and plastic.

If one wishes to come to Edisto Island to see just what is being done one need not write me, just come on. For we keep something to eat on hand, our clothes clean, faces washed, yard swept; and we don't break the bed down by sleeping late. We retire early, but rise very early and go to work on time to carry out our program for the day. But some poor preachers don't have a program. They are like the fellow about whom Horace speaks: ready for anything you are ready for; but without any program of their own.

SYNOD OF CATAWBA

The Synod of Catawba will meet with the Broad Street Presbyterian church, Statesville, N. C., Wednesday, Oct. 14th, 7:30 P. M.

Those expecting to attend will notify Dr. Z. A. Dockery, 546 Green Street.

H. C. MILLER, Stated Clerk.

Idaho. Churches celebrating the Centennial are asked by the Assembly to take offerings for these purposes also.

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