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THE GIFT TO DR. GASTON

The gift of a gold watch to Dr. John M. Gaston by the Workers' Conference was a fitting testimonial of appreciation of his fine service to our Southern work during the past quarter of a century. His sincerity and personal contact with the workers have perhaps made him the most generally beloved Secretary this work has ever had.

MRS. BETHUNE

The largest audience of the Workers' Conference greeted Dr. Bethune Wednesday evening, and she responded with a thrilling address. She was among old friends and gave a heart to heart talk. It was a great and unforgettable night. Those who heard this distinguished woman feel that the racial interests committed to her hands will be looked after faithfully, capably and with a deep sense of accountability.

BALKS AT SUPREME COURT PROPOSAL

The Pittsburgh Courier turned Democratic at the beginning of the national campaign four years ago and supported President Roosevelt with all the earnestness and enthusiasm of a new convert. Editor Vann's service to the party was rewarded by his appointment as an Assistant United States Attorney General, which position he relinquished after a brief tenure. However, the Courier continued to support the President until his proposal to reconstitute the Supreme Court. With characteristic courage Mr. Vann has announced that he can not follow the President in his purpose to change this Court. It looks as if this issue will be more stubbornly contested than any other now before the Congress.

TO SIGNALIZE PROTESTANT FREEDOM

Three celebrations are being planned for the summer of 1937, to be held in cities of France by the Society of the History of French Protestantism, in commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the signing by Louis XVI of the Edict of Tolerance according civil rights to Protestants. Benjamin Franklin and Lafayette are named by the Society as among persons influential in obtaining that historic edict. The celebrations will be held June 13, at the House of Calvin, in Noyon; June 27, in the Church of the Oratory, Paris; and September 5, at the Musee du Desert near Anduze.

DIGEST SUPPLEMENT READY

An additional Supplement to the Presbyterian Digest, containing all the acts and deliverances of the 1936 General Assembly appropriate for insertion in the Digest, has been issued by the Office of the General Assembly at Philadelphia, and is obtainable on request by all owners of the Digest.

March is the month designated for our churches to make the annual canvass among their members and secure pledges of support for the next Church year. Of course, the present Church year has a month to go, but it is presumed that all pledges for this period have been met, or, are on the way to liquidation. Let's do our best to carry out the Church's program.

DR. MASTER PRESIDENT WESTERN SECTION OF WORLD ALLIANCE

Dr. Henry B. Master was elected President of the Western Section of the World Alliance of Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, meeting at St. Nicholas Reformed Collegiate church in New York City February 23-24. Discussion of the program and plans for the quadrennial meeting of the Alliance in Montreal, June 23-29, 1937, was a principal feature of the meeting. Reports and addresses stressed the need of assistance to the Protestant minorities on the European Continent, struggling against political oppression and economic stress. Among the speakers were Dr. S. M. Cavert, Secretary of the Federal Council; Dr. E. Leslie Pridgeon, Montreal; Dr. William Chalmers Covert, Philadelphia; Dr. Arthur J. Brown, New York; Dr. John A. MacCallum, Rev. J. Maxwell Adams, and Dr. T. C. Pears, Jr., Philadelphia; and Rev. John H. Powell, Ph.D., Bronxville, New York. In the discussion of a remit from the Belfast Council on closer identification of women with the organization, Miss Bessie MacMurchy, President of the International Union of Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Societies of the Presbyterian and Reformed Churches, presented the desires of the Union. The Section voted to recommend recognition of the Union, leaving to Council discussion the fixing of details. In accordance with custom, the American Section is this year called on to nominate the president and vice-president of the Council for the next four years. Dr. Robert Laird of Toronto and Dr. G. H. Donald of Montreal were named for the respective offices. Montreal churches, under the leadership of Dr. Donald, are making extensive preparation for the June meeting. Sixty or more delegates from abroad will attend. The general theme for discussion will be "The Church in the Modern World."

350TH ANNIVERSARY OF SETTLEMENT ON ROANOKE ISLAND

Raleigh, March 2.—Roanoke Island will this year be conspicuous in the news of the world by reason of the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the settling of Sir Walter Raleigh's Lost Colony, which begins July fourth and continues through September sixth.

D. B. Fearing, chairman in charge of arrangements, reported while in Raleigh this week that requests for information had come from the leading newspapers of London and other English cities as well as in America. Particular emphasis has been placed upon the settlement of Roanoke Island because it marks the beginning of English civilization in America.

Oberammergau in Upper Bavaria, Germany, has long been noted throughout the world for the Passion Play, which attracts people from everywhere. While the celebration of Roanoke Island will be marked by the presentation of a historic pageant, under the direction of Paul Green, it will differ completely from the Oberammergau sacred pageant, but there will be a similarity in that it is planned to make the Roanoke Island Pageant an institution just as the Oberammergau pageant.

The celebration will be held at Manteo, the county-seat of Dare, which is now as accessible as any other county-seat in North Carolina. Formerly this point on the map of Eastern North Carolina was so completely isolated that it was supplanted in interest by the later settlements at Jamestown in Virginia and Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts.

The three hundredth anniversary of the settlement of Jamestown was celebrated with an exposition at Norfolk, but it is not planned to make the celebration at Roanoke Island an exposition, or anything like an exposition, according to Mr. Fearing, although the restoration of the old fort, the chapel and other buildings give to the historic spot a peculiar interest, which will be enhanced by the presentation of the historic pageant.

Not far distant is the Wright Memorial, marking the spot

CONFERENCE COMMITTEES' REPORTS

THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Advisory Committee of the Board of National Missions is as follows: Revs. B. R. Smith, D. D., J. B. Barber, E. J. Gregg, D. D., F. C. Shirley, D. D., C. H. Shute, D. D., C. B. Allen, D. D., W. L. Imes, D. D., J. W. Manoney, Dean L. S. Cozart, Mrs. J. G. Porter, Mrs. A. H. George and Mrs. H. W. McNair.

The committee held its meetings in the Y. M. C. A. Hall of Johnson C. Smith University in conjunction with the National Missions Chairmen of Synods and Presbyteries, as well as apart.

In the matter of the "application of the standards in the Manual with special emphasis on the requirement of giving full time to the work of the ministry" the committee, after listening to statements from Presbyteries where ministers are engaged in other work, recommended that the department of missionary operation conduct a survey of the whole field, and that during that time the Board take no further action. The committee reported as follows to the Conference:

The Advisory Committee gives expression to its hearty judgment that the following greatly important actions be emphasized before this Workers' Conference:

1. That the plan of holding a Promotion Day at the next Workers' Conference, be warmly encouraged.
2. That this Conference be apprised of the gratifying increase in the number of churches that made a contribution to Benevolences this year over that of the previous year. Emphasis is urged upon churches that have not done so up to the present time, that they make a contribution to Benevolences before the end of the Church year, March 31.
3. That Lincoln's Birthday and other Special Days of the Church year be observed and that an offering be taken for Missions on those days.
4. That the attention of the Conference be directed to the mission study topic for next year, "The Rural Church," and of the opportunity for emphasizing our rural work in the Negro Synods.

Respectfully submitted,
B. R. SMITH, Chair.
J. B. BARBER, Sec.

CONFERENCE FINDINGS COMMITTEE'S REPORT

It is the concerted opinion of this committee that the entire program of this conference during this sitting has been so stimulating, broad and helpful that it is difficult to think of adding or subtracting anything without serious harm to the purpose and spiritual significance of the same.

From this meeting we believe we shall go away better informed, greatly inspired and with a more serious purpose and attitude for our work. In view of what we believe will be some of the fine results of this meeting, we should like to observe first:

That the Twenty-third Workers' Conference go on record as adopting Dr. Jesse Belmont Barber's book, "A History of the Work of the Presbyterian Church Among Negroes in the United States of America," as a study book for the young people of our churches.

We think this a timely suggestion, because 1st, The book is concise. 2nd, The book is rich in its fine information concerning the early development of Presbyterianism in the South. 3rd, We believe it will greatly inspire Negro youth.

Second Observation

We should like to observe, second, that the Conference should be complimented in widening its scope. It tends no longer to be interested in a localized program, but a program that's national in scope. With pride we are delighted with the presence of representatives of all the Boards and agencies of the Church shedding light on our problems.

As a third observation we believe that with reference to where man first rose into the air in a heavier than air machine, and this is also a world renowned spot.

such questions as Stewardship and Evangelism, a "panel discussion" may be a means of bringing out some very practical thoughts and suggestions. In this way many angles of the subject may be brought out that would not otherwise be brought to our attention.

Fourth, in thinking through the needs of our churches, and thinking of this Conference as a source of information and a guide, we believe our next year's program could, with a great deal of profit, consider several topics which would tend to lift the level of our churches.

Our fifth and last observation is that, it seems feasible, wise and advisable that since there is a Woman's Night, there may be also Men's Night and a Conference Night. This observation should, it seems to the committee with regards to the men's night, develop greater interest and enthusiasm, if the men (like the women) are given freedom in drafting their program.

Respectfully submitted,

The Committee:

DR. J. B. BARBER, Chair.
DR. G. W. LONG,
DR. B. R. SMITH,
MRS. WM. HINES,
H. S. DAVIS, Sec.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

The 23rd Annual Conference of Presbyterian Workers has been informing, inspirational and beneficial to hundreds of men, women and young people, from as far West as Arkansas, as far East as the Atlantic Ocean, as far North as New York, and as far South as Texas, and has been declared to be one of the best conferences for a period of many years. The things contributing to the great success have been many and the task of personally mentioning the sources from whom and whence such have come, is by far too great.

The goodness, the guidance, the wisdom and the love of Almighty God have been witnessed by us. His spirit has hovered over us. God has given us the privilege of being workers together with Him in the promotion of His Kingdom for all people and has made our fellowship possible and profitable.

We are indebted to our beloved director, Dr. John M. Gaston, for the fine Christian leadership he has injected into all our conferences, and for that abiding interest in us that has always proven true. To him we are very grateful.

The Conference would not have been complete without a spiritual revelation of the Word of God: therefore, we express our gratitude to Dr. Hugh Leith for his informing and inspirational messages.

The contributions of those who represented the Boards of the Church, both men and women, have been very definitely recognized, and to all of those who represented the Church at large, we resolve thanks.

It is also the pleasant duty of this committee to give expression to the gratitude the members and friends of this Conference feel toward those who were instrumental in bringing to the Conference America's foremost Negro woman, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune. Our gratitude to Mrs. Bethune is beyond expression. We resolve to her our thanks.

To Johnson C. Smith University generally and to Dr. and Mrs. McCrorey, specifically, we feel greatly indebted for their generous hospitality, that seemingly becomes sweeter as the years roll by. We wish to very sincerely make an expression of our deepest gratitude to those whose homes became ours and in whose homes we have found mental and physical rest after days of toil.

The music of the Conference has been up to the standard if not better. Melodious strains have charmed our souls and it would be difficult to exaggerate the debt we owe the singers and directors from the following schools: Johnson C. Smith University, Barber-Scotia Junior College, Brainerd Institute, Harbison Institute, Coulter Academy and Arkadelphia Academy. To Dr. T. A. Long, Prof. David Carroll, Miss Sut-

ton and Rev. S. Q. Mitchell we are also grateful.

The Committee feels that words of appreciation should be expressed to those whose parts on the program were exceptionally filled by them, especially the Rev. J. B. Barber, who gave us the benefits of his historical study of the Church, and to those who worked earnestly and untiringly that the 23rd Conference might be a success.

Thanks to the Charlotte daily newspapers for publishing the proceedings of the Conference; also to the Revs. A. H. Prince and A. H. George for their untiring efforts in helping to provide homes for delegates.

Committee:
REV. J. D. TAYLOR,
REV. L. W. DAVIS,
REV. T. B. HARGRAVE,
MRS. J. H. TOATLEY,
THOS. A. JENKINS, Ch.

DR. ARTHUR H. LIMOUZE ADDRESSES MEN'S FELLOWSHIP IN CHARLOTTE

Federation of Presbyterian Men Formed

More than one hundred men of the Brandon, Brooklyn, Bidleville, and Seventh Street Presbyterian churches gathered at the Bidleville church Tuesday evening, February 23, at their annual Fellowship Dinner. Exceptional enthusiasm characterized the entire fete, with the Quintette of men from the Bidleville church furnishing music. Elder A. E. Spears, of the Seventh Street church, presided with unusual dignity and interest.

Dr. Arthur H. Limouze, Field Secretary of the Department of United Promotion under the General Council of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., delivered the address to the men on this occasion. The address was challenging and profound in its application as he compared life to a ship upon the sea. Seldom have the men heard an address that was better calculated to stir them to definite action and to make them take life more seriously than this one. The speaker was introduced by Rev. A. H. Prince, pastor of Brooklyn church.

It is worthwhile to note that at this Fellowship Dinner, an organization was formed—a Federation of all Presbyterian men in Charlotte and vicinity. This action was taken after a special committee reported on the advisability of such. This organization has set up its temporary officers who are as follows: Mr. A. E. Spears, President; Mr. George McKeithan, Vice-President; Mr. Charles Graham, Secretary; Mr. Edward Brown, Assistant Secretary, and Mr. Edward Smith, Treasurer. The Federation will meet quarterly.

Several out-of-town guests were present to fellowship with the group. This was the fifth annual dinner given by the men in the four above named churches and this occasion is always anticipated each year with a great deal of inspiration and pleasure. The menu was appetizing, consisting of turkey, with all the accessories, coffee and ice cream and cake.

A. H. PRINCE

KIAMICHI PRESBYTERY

The Spring meeting of Kiamichi Presbytery will convene with Park View Presbyterian church, U. S. A., at 7:30 P. M. April 15, 1937, in Hugo, Oklahoma. The Standing Committee are requested to bring their written reports. The churches are demanded to pay in their full Benevolences to the Boards before March 31, 1937. All the churches of Kiamichi Presbytery must pay in their assessments for General Assembly, Synod and Presbytery before or at this session of Presbytery.

Those who are planning to attend Presbytery, please notify the pastor, Rev. W. W. Mayle, D. D., or Mr. Joe Austin, so that suitable homes may be provided on your arrival in the city of Hugo. If you prefer, send your assessments immediately to the Treasurer of Presbytery.

JULIUS W. MALLARD,
Stated Clerk.

May silent thanks at least to God be given with a full heart; our thoughts are heard in heaven.—Wordsworth.

CHURCH STREET CHURCH, SALISBURY

By Cora Lee Morton

Church Street church entertained the Yadin Presbytery on Saturday, January 23. The Mattie Clark and Stephen Noble Circles were hostesses to the Presbytery and visiting Elders and Ministers from the city and other Presbyteries.

On the following day, Sunday, January 24, the pastor, Rev. J. P. Johnson, spoke to the congregation from Galatians 4:7. "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ."

The Young People's Christian Endeavor Society met at 6:30 o'clock for their weekly meeting. This meeting, as usual, was well attended by the young people and several adults of the church who show a keen interest in the young people. The discussion for this meeting was directed by the president, Miss Helen Pearson. The topic for discussion was: "How May We Work for a Fair Distribution of Wealth?"

The Mattie Clark Circle was hostess to the congregation of this church at a banquet on Friday, January 29.

On Sunday, January 31, the young people observed Denominational Day and began observing Christian Endeavor Week. The topic that was so enthusiastically discussed on this occasion was, "What Do I Know About My Church?"

Sunday, February 7, was set aside as Christian Endeavor Day. The topic for discussion was postponed until the following Sunday. This meeting was a business one. Since the period set aside for the service of the present officers expired on this date, this meeting was given over to election and installation of new officers who are as follows:

President, Cora Lee Morton; Vice-President, Frances Van Eaton; Secretary, Albany Moore; Treasurer, Rachel Miller. Chairman of Program Committee, Helen Pearson; Chairman of Social Committee, Eunice Clement; Pianist, Thelma Miller; Director, Mrs. Julia Hipps.

On February 14 Rev. Johnson addressed the congregation from Joshua 23:8: "But cleave unto the Lord your God, as ye have done unto this day."

The Christian Endeavorers met at 6:30, Feb. 14, and discussed the topics, "Christian Youth Face the Future Together," and "How May the Bible Help Us in Daily Life?" These discussions were directed by the President, Cora Lee Morton.

Rev. Johnson chose as a theme for the evening service, "The Wrong Request." The Scriptural text was Matthew 14:8, "And she, being before instructed of her mother, said, Give me here John Baptist's head in a charger."

The congregation and all clubs and societies of the church made their contribution to the flood sufferers. This donation was sent through the name of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

MISS HELEN BAKER MARRIED

In the presence of a few relatives and friends, Miss Helen Baker became the bride of Mr. Raymond Thompson on Thursday evening, February 11, 1937. The ceremony took place in Rendall Memorial Presbyterian church, New York City, at 8 o'clock. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. T. J. B. Harris, D. D., pastor of the church. He was assisted by the Rev. Dr. L. B. West, a former pastor of the bride. The bride and groom entered together unattended. The bride wore a blue suit with accessories and carried a corsage of roses.

Mrs. Thompson is the younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Baker of Durham. She is a graduate of North Carolina State College, and is on the staff of the Y. W. C. A. of New York City.

Mr. Thompson is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson of New York. He is a graduate of Syracuse University.

The couple will reside in New York.

Fortune can take away riches but not courage.—Seneca.