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THE COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN

The drive to raise funds for the Charlotte Community Chest will begin November 1st. Organization of workers has been perfected and the last meetings preliminary to the campaign will be held Sunday. The Negro division of workers, of which Dr. J. W. Heritage is chairman, will have a rally at the Second Ward High School Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Several participating organizations will march through the city in a body. The quota allotted to the colored people of Charlotte is \$3,000. All of our schools and churches are expected to cooperate in this campaign.

TO REPLACE CARS WITH BUSES

According to an announcement made a few days ago by the Duke Power Company which operates the street car system of Charlotte, all the cars now in use are to be replaced by buses. Buses have been serving some sections of the city for some time. By substituting them altogether the company says it will be possible to extend the service beyond the present car lines. The new system is expected to be in full operation within 90 days.

The United States Supreme Court has sustained the Alabama Court in the conviction of Heywood Patterson, a victim in the famous Scottsboro cases. Patterson has been sentenced to imprisonment for 75 years, or for life. Defense counsel say they will continue to fight. Just what can be done remains to be seen.

The simple, untutored mind cannot understand the intricacies of diplomacy. What would be wrong between two individuals, it seems, should be wrong between two nations. Yet Japan justifies its invasion of China, because the Chinese will not take orders from Tokyo.

The race at large will join with educational circles in lamenting the demise of Dean Lucy D. Slowe, of Howard University. Miss Slowe was a woman of much personal charm and rare culture.

A POINT OF LAW

Dear Mr. Editor:—I have your paper of the 21st October, and have read with some disappointment Rev. Robinson's letter on "The Stated Supply and the Pastor." My friend assures you that he is "through with the subject." Let me ask: Who started this anyway? To explode a wrong interpretation of the Constitution of our Church was the object of my attack. Every ruling elder of our Church must know that the Stated Supply is not Pastor and as such he can quit whenever he wants to do so; as well as the church can "fire" him and no Presbytery can prevent it. This is what the Stated Supply relationship means and Rev. Robinson cannot change it. Let the Southern Virginia Presbytery be warned against any high-handed dealings with the churches having Stated Supplies occupying the pulpits.

As the Stated Supply of Mizpah church, South Boston, this congregation has the inclusive and exclusive right to say who shall and who shall not pastor them. Any Sunday they have the right to say to me the words which I mean I need not come back; and I have the same right. This, after all, keeps all parties

PAGEANT

Publication of a new type of religious journal, a monthly illustrated newsmagazine, has been announced by the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, which has national headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

The first issue of the magazine, "Pageant," will be published in January, 1938. Written for the entire membership of the Presbyterian Church, the publication will cover news of the world which has religious significance and news of the church which has new value.

From 25 to 50 per cent of "Pageant" will be devoted to photographs. However, according to Dr. Charles J. Turck, editor of the new publication, the magazine will not be merely a picture journal. The use of pictures, Dr. Turck believes, will make possible a more effective presentation of articles and news items than can be made by type alone. Dr. Turck, who is general director of the Department of Social Education and Action of the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education, is now editor of "Social Progress," a monthly magazine for pastors. Publication of "Social Progress" will be discontinued after the December issue.

"Pageant" is primarily concerned with the pageant of Christian life, in and out of churches," said Dr. Turck. "Through type and pictures the magazine will try to show that Christianity is significant to the modern world," he continued, "and that hundreds of events in the world today have meaning for the march of Christianity."

According to Dr. Turck, a preview of "Pageant" is now being distributed throughout the Presbyterian Church. The first regular issue in January will sell for 15 cents a copy. The annual subscription rate to "Pageant" will be \$1.25.

PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING

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Dear Editor:—I have been reading some writings recently in our great Church paper which caused me to wonder whether are some of our ministers drifting.

Reference is made especially to those carrying the following headlines: "The Stated Supply and the Pastor," from Petersburg, Va., and "An Open Letter," from Hugo, Okla. One cannot read these letters without discovering inharmonious and discord on the part of the writers. Now if we can't agree and work together how can we hope to lead others? How are we to get along in heaven?

I know some of these men and have high regard for their leadership and ability. I know they must stoop to endeavor to "show up" a wrong or error in their brother, instead of revealing the good, for we all are God's perfect idea. Still we get a long way from our better selves at times.

I am reminded of a conversation between a father and son while out walking a clear, moon light night. Said the father: "Boy, do you see that bright star yonder?" "I do," the boy replied. "Well," the father said, "it is 50 million times larger than the sun." (Silence) Finally the father asked, "What do you think of that?" "It has a poor way to show it," the boy replied.

Unkind criticism and showing the other fellow up only tend to hold him to his faults and it hurts the critic, for "as a man thinketh in his heart so is he," and psychologically speaking, whatever the mind dwells upon must become manifest in the life. Thus the physical fact that what we feed upon becomes a part of us, is just as true mentally and spiritually.

Yours for Peace,
J. J. SHEPPERSON,
Bristol, Tenn.

concerned on our good behaviour.

A. A. HECTOR,
Richmond, Va.

A letter from Nicholasville, Ky., tells of the passing of Dr. Jacob F. Miller at an advanced age. In his early years he served on the foreign field.

CATAWBA SYNODICAL SOCIETY

By Mrs. Hallie Q. Mayberry

The Fiftieth Annual session of the Woman's Synodical Society for National and Foreign Missions in the Synod of Catawba met in the Johnson C. Smith University church, October 14-15, 1937.

The exercises began with the meeting of the Executive Committee October 14, at 9 o'clock A. M., and the regular program of the Synodical opened at 10 o'clock. Mrs. R. E. McNair, our President, called the Synodical to order and presided with ease and dignity during all the sessions. A fine spirit prevailed throughout the meeting. Each year the meetings are growing more interesting, instructive, and inspiring. A large representation of women were present at all the sessions and much enthusiasm was manifested.

The general theme of the meeting was: "If I Be His Disciple" and the worship service theme was: "I must work the works of Him that sent me."—John 9:4. Mrs. G. C. Shaw conducted this service. The service was very impressive. Mrs. Shaw impressed upon us that the worship theme expressed our mission for gathering at this time. We are co-workers with God. Our service for others is for Him. With hearts full of love for the great cause of missions we should go forth this year with a renewed effort to win others to Him.

A series of prayers were offered after which this service was closed by singing, "Draw Me Nearer."

Greetings

Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, President of the Missionary Society in our hostess church, presented Mrs. Dorothy Atkins, who brought to us greetings from the Missionary Society of Johnson C. Smith University church. Mrs. Atkins gave a beautiful address. She spoke of the great need of mission work and of the information from the study books as to the great accomplishments on the mission fields. The spirit of warm welcome was evidenced everywhere.

Mrs. N. E. Frazier, of the First Presbyterian church, Richmond, Va., in a very happy mood delightfully expressed the Synodical's appreciation of this excellent address of welcome.

Registration

Registration cards were passed and 48 delegates were registered. By way of fellowship the roll was called and the President of each Presbyterial stood and the members of her Presbyterial stood with her.

Presentation of Board

Our President, Mrs. R. E. McNair, introduced and presented to us at this time Mrs. Reba Graham, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions. Mrs. Graham had been visiting in our four Presbyteries in the Synodical for two weeks previously, and her presence with us at this meeting was an inspiration and help. She brought to us greetings from the Board and valuable information along all lines.

Reports

This year, as in former years, the Secretaries had their reports in poster form, and the charts and posters on the walls were valuable assets in helping the women to see more clearly the importance of these phases of work in each local society. The posters always attract a great deal of attention and do a valuable service.

Panel Discussions

Our Purpose and Aims and Have we Accomplished Any of Them? These panel discussions were very unique and put the purpose, aims and accomplishments of the Secretaries and Synodical officers over in fine style. Each missionary worker should have gotten a broader view of her opportunity to grapple with some of the problems and build up the work when she returns to her field.

Mrs. M. L. Kendrick, Secretary of Stewardship, was assisted in her panel discussion by Mrs. M. O. McFadden.

Mrs. M. O. McFadden, Secretary of Literature, assisted by Mrs. Reba Graham and Mrs. E. L. Hines, gave a fine presentation of the Mission Study Books in the form of a playlet.

Mrs. W. A. Hawkins, Secretary for National and Oversea Sewing, presented the Work of our Hands. Johnson C. Smith

Dormitory Fund will be our National work this year, and the hospital at Elat, Africa, our Foreign work.

Mrs. L. M. Onque presented the work of Missionary Education. Her chart on the wall showed an increase in many phases of the work.

Panel discussion of the Young People's Work was introduced by the Secretary, Mrs. E. L. Hines. In the absence of the Secretary of the Children's Work, Mrs. J. H. Clement, her report was read by the Recording Secretary, Mrs. Mayberry.

The panel discussion of the Spiritual Life Groups was another very interesting presentation. Mrs. H. W. McNair, Secretary of Spiritual Life Groups, was assisted by Mrs. Reba Graham and Mrs. G. C. Shaw. This presentation showed that the Spiritual Life Groups are on the march in our Synodical.

The financial report of the Synodical was made by the Treasurer, Mrs. P. W. Russell. The report was received.

Thursday Afternoon

At 2:30 o'clock the afternoon session opened by singing, "My Faith Looks Up to Thee." The service of worship was conducted by Mrs. A. A. McLean. The theme was: "Ye shall be my witnesses." This service was full of spiritual refreshing and lifted us to a higher spiritual level. Mrs. McLean emphasized the necessity of making prayer the habitual attitude of our life.

Introduction of Visitors

Mrs. J. M. Gaston, Mrs. A. A. Jones, Mrs. L. S. Cozart, Miss Charlotte Percival, Mrs. F. P. Sanders, Miss Juanita Gibson, Mrs. W. S. Brinkley, Mrs. E. L. Rann, Miss Annie Chresfield, Mrs. E. J. Grigg and Mrs. S. Q. Mitchell were introduced to the Synodical. Timely remarks were made by Mrs. F. P. Sanders, Mrs. A. A. Jones and Mrs. L. S. Cozart representing the group.

Presentation of the year's work and recommendations from the Executive Committee were made by the President, Mrs. R. E. McNair.

The Synodical pledged \$500 to the Girls' Dormitory Fund of Johnson C. Smith University. Each local society is asked to increase its apportionment to Foreign Missions \$1 because of conditions brought on by the war in China with Japan. It is our conviction that we should press our missionary purpose even more vigorously than before.

Address

Mrs. Reba Graham, Field Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions, brought to us a very illuminating address from the subject, "Some Effects of the War on Our Mission Work." We were greatly impressed with this message and felt deeply grateful for the courage and faithfulness of our missionaries under the most trying, and sometimes dangerous, circumstances.

Thursday Evening

The evening session is always designated as the popular meeting of the Woman's Synodical. At this time we observed the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Synodical and the Centennial of the Board of Foreign Missions. A very large audience was present. Mrs. R. E. McNair presided.

The worship service was conducted by Mrs. H. W. McNair. The theme was, "My World Is My Country; Mankind Are My Brothers."

Greetings from the hostess church were extended by Mrs. Theodorus L. Gunn. The generosity expressed in this address will ever linger with us.

Mrs. M. L. Kendrick gave a very interesting Brief History of Catawba Synodical and called the roll of the Pioneer Women. As the roll was called Mrs. F. P. Sanders, Mrs. W. J. Rankin, Mrs. P. W. Russell, and Mrs. M. L. Kendrick ascended the rostrum; the others answered the roll call on the other shore.

Dr. J. M. Gaston, Secretary of the Unit of Work for Colored People of the Board of National Missions, spoke to us on, "The Results of Fifty Years' Efforts of Catawba Synodical." He spoke of the high standard

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MRS. MAYME L. KENDRICK

A BRIEF HISTORY OF CATAWBA SYNODICAL AND A ROLL CALL OF PIONEER WOMEN

By Mrs. Mayme L. Kendrick

(An address made at the Fiftieth anniversary meeting of the Synodical in Charlotte, Oct. 14-15)

Madam President, Members and Friends of the Catawba Synodical:

A very hard task has been placed upon me, but I find it a very pleasant one. In a brief way, I shall give a sketch of the history of the Catawba Synodical.

I feel very much indebted to some of the pioneer workers for this history of the society. From a recent research, I found that there was no Catawba Synod until the year 1887. Because of this, the Catawba Presbytery was under the Atlantic Synod. But in 1889 the Southern Virginia Presbytery came into existence, making the fourth Presbytery. It was then that an attempt was put forth to organize the Presbyterial women, and give them a share in the construction, as well as the religious part of the third court of our Church, the Synod. As the result of this attempt, Mrs. D. J. Satterfield, the wife of Dr. D. J. Satterfield, President of Scotia, became the first President. But the organization was not long-lived, living only a few years.

At Roanoke, Va., another effort was made. Dr. D. J. Sanders, Dr. L. L. Downing, Rev. W. H. Shepperson, now retired, and a few more energetic ministers encouraged, directed and guided the good women to try again, and from the results of the second trial we find ourselves an organized body. We should know the whole story, but time and space will not permit me to give it. I am only giving you a list of the Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Synodical:

Presidents

Mrs. Nellie Satterfield, 1889.
Mrs. Ruth Carr.
Mrs. G. C. Campbell.
Mrs. W. J. Rankin.
Mrs. D. J. Sanders.
Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard, 1900.
Mrs. H. L. McCrorey.
Mrs. G. C. Shaw.
Mrs. R. E. McNair, 1937

Recording Secretaries

Mrs. Rebecca Cantey Melton.
Mrs. Jessie M. Pride, 1889.
Mrs. Carey Hughes McCrorey.

Corresponding Secretaries

Mrs. W. J. Rankin.
Mrs. G. E. Davis.
Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard.
Mrs. A. Kendrick.
Mrs. P. W. Russell.
Mrs. H. L. McCrorey, 1937.

Treasurers

Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard.
Mrs. G. C. Shaw.
Mrs. H. L. McCrorey.
Mrs. P. W. Russell.

As I call the roll of the pioneer workers, will they answer by rising and stepping to the rostrum, and remain standing.

1. Mrs. D. J. Sanders.
2. Mrs. W. J. Rankin.
3. Mrs. S. J. H. Dillard.
4. Mrs. G. C. Shaw.
5. Mrs. P. W. Russell.
6. Mrs. A. Kendrick.
7. Mrs. G. E. Davis.

May I close by saying that these Godly women have set a pace for hundreds to follow.

Let us now think of our beautiful Theme: "If I Be His Dis-

ciple," and may we all rise, giving honor and showing appreciation to these Godly women for the service they have rendered to this great cause of Christian work.

REV. JACOB F. MILLER DIES

The final rites of Rev. Jacob F. Miller, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian church, U. S. A., of Camp Nelson, Ky., were held in Westminster church, Tuesday, September 28, 1937. He died Sunday, September 26, at 3 o'clock P. M.

The funeral was conducted by the Rev. William T. Byrd, Director of Fee Community Center, Nicholasville, Ky., who was assisted by Rev. Selton W. Parr, of Danville, Ky., and Rev. Richard Taylor, of Camp Nelson, Ky.

MISS ELIZABETH H. CARSON DEAD

Miss Elizabeth H. Carson, daughter of the late Mr. Charles H. Carson and Mrs. Cera Carson, died October 18, 1937, at midnight, at the residence of her sister, Mrs. Mamie Carson Catlett, 1024 Lamont Street, North West, Washington, D. C.

In early life she professed the Christian religion and connected herself with the Presbyterian church of Lincoln, N. C., which was then under the charge of the late Rev. D. S. Baker.

While living in California she moved her membership to the First Presbyterian church, of San Francisco. About twelve years ago she came East again and had her membership returned to the Lincolnton church.

She was a loving young woman, devoted to her family and friends. In other words, she lived for others, always remembering and doing something for others. Even in the midst of her fatal illness, when she was too weak to help herself, she would have some member of the family send cards of happy birthday greetings to those so favored; letters of condolence to those bereaved; get-well cards, flowers, and little presents to those who were ill. She was truly described when the poet wrote:

"Loving and kind in all her years,
Upright and just to the end of her days,
Sincere and true in heart and mind,
Beautiful memories she leaves behind."

The funeral was conducted at the Presbyterian church in Lincolnton by the pastor, Rev. A. C. Hill, assisted by Rev. H. E. Wilson, pastor of Little Rock A. M. E. Zion church, Charlotte.

A FRIEND.

JUDGE MARRIED JUDGE IN PHILLY

Philadelphia—(C)—Judge Edward W. Henry officiated at the marriage last week of Judge Armond Scott of Washington and Mrs. Annie L. Dismukes, also of the capital, at Judge Henry's home. Rev. M. L. Shepard and Rev. John R. Logan offered blessings. The couple planned a short honeymoon in New York. Mrs. Dismukes is a Howard University graduate, and was formerly employed in the Government Printing Office.

Duty: A pleasure which we try to make ourselves believe is a hardship.