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"AND YE SHALL KNOW THE TRUTH, AND THE TRUTH SHALL MAKE YOU FREE."—John viii:32.

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A GREAT MAN FALLEN IN ISRAEL

By Mrs. A. C. Houston

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After having been afflicted for several years, and as the old year was fast passing out, on December 20, around 8 P. M., the Portals of Glory were opened, and the soul of Rev. J. M. McKay took its flight into eternity. How very beautiful it must have been when he gave up the Ghost and joined his loved ones beyond the swelling tide.

He was a great and good man, of beautiful, Christ-like life. He was a true husband and a devoted father. As a minister, he was above the average; was trustworthy, brotherly and honest in all walks of life. As a friend, he could be depended upon at all times and in all places.

Along with his deceased wife, he built up one of the finest families in this city, and left foot-prints on the sands of time that shall live throughout the ages. He was widely known and loved by all who came in contact with him.

While here on earth, he mingled in everything for the advancement of fallen humanity. Among the many auxiliaries and secret societies of which he was a part, he was permanent secretary of Sumter Game Cock Lodge No. 10569, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, (of which the Herald Editor is Noble Grand) and Senior Warden of St. Paul Lodge No. 8, F. A. M. (of which Rev. C. A. Lawson is the Worshipful Master), and died a financial member of both orders. Through God's power, his soul is raised.

Farewell, McKay, we'll meet you again
Beyond the shining river,
There where Jesus reigns,
And there, He will live forever.

There he has met his loving wife,
Where there's no more sickness or sorrow;
Forever there is eternal life,
And there'll be no tomorrow.

Friend McKay, good bye, good bye,
We'll soon be there
Where parting is no more,
Where there's no more crosses to bear—
Over on that Heavenly shore.

Around three years ago, Bro. McKay laid out his funeral plans to Rev. C. A. Lawson, of the firm of Nelson and Lawson, and who for over 25 years was a close friend of the McKay family. The plans were carried out as requested.

The Rev. J. M. McKay was funeralized with Masonic honors on December 24th, at 11 o'clock, in Sumter Second Presbyterian church. The service was beautiful and impressive. The order of service follows:

Processional—"Nearer, My God, to Thee."—Dr. I. P. Pogue, pastor, and master of ceremonies leading, followed by the flower ladies and St. Paul Lodge No. 8, F. A. M., led by Rev. C. A. Lawson, Worshipful Master. The active pallbearers were Brothers J. W. McConner, H. D. Dupree, J. M. Harrison, M. J. Jackson, G. W. Long, J. C. Prioleau, Geo. H. Brown, and H. S. Walker.

The flower ladies were the ministers' wives of the city, namely:

Mrs. C. A. Lawson, First Baptist church; Mrs. S. M. Miller, M. E. church; Mrs. R. L. Pope, A. M. E. church; Mrs. I. P. Pogue, Presbyterian church; Mrs. W. E. Houston, Presbyterian church, and Mrs. Alice Gilliard.

Funeral Service

"Come, Ye Disconsolate," Rev. P. W. Toney, Bishopville, S. C.; 90th Psalm, Rev. R. E. L. Smith, Sumter; Invocation, Rev. A. S. Powe, Columbia, S. C.; Hymn, "Approach My Soul the Mercy Seat," Rev. W. E. Houston; Letters and Telegrams, Rev. J. H. Toatley, Chesterfield, S. C.; Trio, "I've Done My Work," Misses Lu Emma and Mary Pogue, and Otelia Taylor, members of the Junior choir.

Eulogistic remarks of two minutes each were made by the following: Revs. J. M. Henderson, Charleston, S. C.; M. J. Jackson, D. D., Dalzell, S. C.; W. J. Nelson, D. D., Goodwill church, Mayesville, S. C.; S. M. Miller, D. D., pastor of M. E. church, Sumter; R. L. Pope, D. D., pastor of A. M. E. church, Sumter; J. McKenzie Harrison, Editor Samaritan Herald; Dr. A. R. Howard, Presiding Elder, Sumter District, M. E. Church; Rev. J. H. Toatley, Presbyterian church, Chesterfield, S. C.; Dr. W. E. Houston, Synodical Evangelist, Presbyterian Church; Duett, Prof. E. E. Jones and Mrs. M. V. Glover.

The main eulogies were given by Dr. G. W. Long, Cheraw, S. C., and Dr. I. P. Pogue, pastor. Dr. Long in his masterful way spoke eloquently of the life and work of the deceased. He reproduced a sermon preached by Rev. McKay at Cheraw Second Presbyterian church 25 years ago. The theme of his discourse was based on these words: "For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39. It was from this sermon of Rev. McKay's, Dr. Long said, that a lasting friendship between Cheraw Second Presbyterian church and the wealth of Cheraw exists, for at that time there were ten white ladies present to hear Rev. McKay preach.

Selection—"Going Home," choir.
Recessional—"Fade, Fade, Each Earthly Joy."

Prof. E. E. Jones, Principal of Savage-Glover School and chorister of the M. E. church, was in charge of the music which was beautifully and effectively rendered. The hymns used were favorite selections of the deceased and were frequently sung by him during his long years of affliction.

Mrs. Addie McDonald, organist of the M. E. church, presided at the organ.

The telegrams and letters of condolence were numerous, the floral were many and beautiful. A blanket of palms, carnations and ferns covered the casket.

The remains were respectfully and carefully handled by Nelson and Lawson, Undertakers, and their very efficient embalmer, Mr. E. H. Worley.

The services were expressional in every way of the esteem and respect that Sumter held for one of its oldest and most beloved citizens.

SWIFT MEMORIAL JUNIOR COLLEGE NEWS

By A. P. Farrer

Semester Honor Roll

The following students of the High School Department made the Honor Roll for the first semester, with accompanying score ratings: Martha Wilson, 89; Anna Sue Dockery, Elveta Mock, Martha Scudder, Mary Kate Carr, 88; Owen Lee, 86; Virginia Porter, Sue Fain, Roy Lee, Jr., 85.

New Alma Mater

A spiritual school song, recently composed and released by Mrs. Vestarine Slaughter, head of the Music Department of Swift, has been approved and published by the Clarence Williams Publishing Company of New York City.

Week of Preaching Services

Wide awake gospel of everyday life fell from the lips of Dr. L. B. West, of Charlotte, Field Representative of the Board of National Missions, as he poured out God's Word during the Week of Preaching which was conducted at St. Mark's Pres-

byterian church and Swift Memorial Junior College, January 24-30. The members of the city and college communities will long reflect the spiritual inspiration impressed upon their souls by Dr. West's lofty yet practical sermons. Christians themselves enjoyed a week of spiritual feasting and consecration. Of the few non-professing Christians of the College all save one gave themselves to Christ. Special prayers were offered voicing a genuine desire that continued spiritual growth might be manifested and far-reaching on the part of sincere Christian followers and leaders in winning more souls to Christ.

Some of the faculty members and voluntary Christian students shared in and conducted the prayer services, preliminary to the evening services.

Jointly the members of the church and college raised a liberal offering which they donated to Dr. West as an outward symbol of deepest gratitude for a week of noble Christian services, invaluable in worth. In spite of the inclement winter weather, the meetings were in every respect well attended, gratifying, and successful.

Sincerest prayers follow Dr. West as he and Dr. John M. Gaston, Secretary of the Department of Missionary Operations, fulfill similar engagements in various sections of the South.

Miss Cleota Collins, Lyric Soprano, Presented in Recital

Music lovers enjoyed the rare, excellent program presented by Miss Cleota Collins, lyric soprano, in the College chapel, Friday evening, February 4. The artist, who heads the Department of Voice Culture of Tuskegee Institute and broadcasts over the Columbia Station W. H. K. every Wednesday noon, displayed her usual talent and mastery. She was particularly versatile and pleasing as she captivated her audience in the interpretation of "Lil' Gal" to her own accompaniment. Enthusiastic applause from the delighted audience brought forth repeated encores which were warmly appreciated.

Mrs. Vestarine Slaughter, head of the Music Department of Swift, accompanied the guest artist with excellent, artistic expression and precision, which merited noteworthy praise.

Negro History Week

Negro History Week was ushered in Monday, February 7 at 11:30, in the College chapel by the Sophomore college Negro history class, who presented the premier program of the Week. The program was as follows:

Negro National Anthem.

Introduction of Negro History Week Observance and Interpretation of Its Major and Minor, and Specific Aims, Miss Arena Mae Horsley, Sophomore Teacher and Sponsor.

Theme Song, "We are Climbing Jacob's Ladder"—Sophomore Class.

Talk, voicing the future challenge of Race pride as summed up by Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune in an article on the novel, "Black Majesty," appearing in an issue of the History Bulletin of the Association for the Study of Negro Life.

Spiritual, "There's a Man Going Around Writing Names"—LaVerne Miller.

Specific programs for the remainder of the week are: Tuesday—"What Man Has Done Man Can Do;" Wednesday—"White Persons Who Have Contributed to the Progress of the Race;" Thursday—"Negroes Who Have Made Contributions to the Race;" Friday—"Two Races," a one-act play.

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A young licentiate had just made a miserable failure of his first attempt to preach, due, largely, to over confidence. At the door an old brother gave him this fatherly advice: "My young brother, if you had come in as you are going out, you would be going out as you came in."—Christian Recorder.

THE CIVIL SERVICE REFORM COMES TO JUDGMENT

By Dr. Kelly Miller

The Civil Service Commission in its 54th annual report tells us that "This year has seen an increasing growth of public interest in the merit system unequaled since the days of the popular movement which culminated in the passage of the Civil Service Act of 1883. This interest has been manifested in news columns and editorials of the press, in activities of non-partisan reform organizations, in studies by progressively larger numbers of young men and women in colleges and universities, in declarations by leaders of all political parties, and in the public opinion polls." The establishment of an office here in Washington by the National Civil Service Reform League to keep tab on the actions of Congress, the resolution of inquiry just adopted by the Senate and the apprehensive tone of the Commission's report to the effect that, "During the past year friends of the merit system in Congress have had to maintain a constant struggle to prevent a complete triumph of the spoils system," all indicate the seriousness of the situation.

Senator A. J. Ellender, of Louisiana, sponsor of the resolution of inquiry, stated, "Most of the senators feel the way I do about it. They want either a real merit system in operation, or they want the whole thing discarded and to return to the spoils system." Upon the insistence of Senator Ellender, the United States Senate directed the Committee on Civil Service to conduct a two-fold inquiry; (1) "The extent to which discrimination is practiced by appointing and supervisory officials with respect to appointments, promotions, transfers, reinstatements, disciplinary action, and allocation of positions in the Government service; (2) The adequacy of the opportunity of impartial hearing given to employes who are discriminated against with regard to such matters."

The burden of complaint against civil service abuses, however, hinges upon politics. Little or nothing is said concerning discrimination and favoritism on account of religion, race and sex. The Senate Committee, however, injects a new element of favoritism not contemplated by the civil service law when it finds indications "that there has grown up within the civil service a clique of 'bureaucratic czars' who, while abhorring 'party politics,' where personal promotions and salaries are traded back and forth and their friends and relatives are appointed, transferred and promoted in complete defiance of the civil service laws."

But despite the evident intention of the Civil Service Commission to evade direct reference to it, nevertheless it is a well-known fact that race prejudice constitutes the most flagrant abuse of all. There is studied effort to cloak racial discrimination by cunning concealment and sinister silence. Conscience makes cowards of us all. Senator Borah in his address before the Senate on Jan. 7th presents the ugly facts with dramatic picturesqueness: "Take for instance the colored girl who, under great handicaps has earned the right to be employed by her Government upon equality with everyone else. She goes with a certificate of competency from the Civil Service Commission to one of the departments here in Washington—here in Washington under the aegis of the Federal Government, and when her color is discovered she is told the place is filled, which is a lie." This is a terrible indictment against the merit system which every would-be high-minded government official who is concerned in this sinister manipulation must read and tremble. It is dastardly to cheat under the cloak of righteousness.

BOGGS ACADEMY, KEYSVILLE, GEORGIA

By Miss Ollie A. Johnson

Now that the first semester has ended and we are safely launched into the beginning of the second, we have to look back over some of the things that have been accomplished at Boggs.

One of the outstanding achievements is the organization and development of the Burke County Sunday Schools into the Phelps Memorial Parish. The Parish was named in honor of the late Rev. John L. Phelps, the founder of Presbyterianism among Negroes in this county. So far, the Parish consists of six Sunday schools, three of which were revived and one organized by the Parish worker, Miss Castle C. Williams. The Parish Council has met three times with increasing interest and enthusiasm at each meeting. We feel that under the capable direction of our Parish worker we have gone far, and will continue to progress in our religious activities.

Boggs is justly proud of her Department of Athletics. Athletics is now a regular part of the school curriculum. The boys' basketball team, under the competent direction of Prof. C. A. Walker, coach, has rebuilt the basketball court, and has been victorious in a majority of the games played so far. The girls do not have a regular team this year, but they enjoy playing basketball and volleyball during the class periods. Between semesters the physical education classes presented a stunt program. The girls, under the guidance of the director, Miss N. Emmeline Cooper, demonstrated their ability to drill, perform stunts and other calisthenic exercises. The department is to be commended on the progress it has made with such limited materials, and on the fact that it is now a definite part of the curriculum.

The Lyceum, a literary organization sponsored by the students, presented a variety of programs during the first semester. This organization has as its purpose the development of poise, initiative, stage decorum, and general cultural knowledge. One of the most singular and novel of the Lyceums was a miniature February Program given by the Primary Department with the aid of the teacher in charge, Miss Ailey Mae Young. The Lyceum serves not only as a source of entertainment, but seeks to develop personality also. Miss Ollie A. Johnson is faculty sponsor.

Boggs has a new motor wood saw. This saw is the gift of Mr. Leslie Wideman, grounds foreman, to the school. The faculty and the student-body are very grateful to Mr. Wideman, for not only is the saw a time-saver, but it increases the comfort of all.

The enrollment at Boggs is still increasing. Six new students have been added since the beginning of the second semester.

Semester examinations were all over. Everyone was wondering just what would happen next. Much to everyone's surprise little Catherine Francis was given a surprise birthday party. Faculty and students were invited. What a relief! Joy, fun, and laughter reigned as Catherine's favorite games were played, gifts opened, and heaping bowls of delicious ice cream served. The birthday cake was huge, with seven little candles all lighted. Everyone is hoping that a birthday party will climax each semester.

Quite a number of visitors and friends have been on the campus since the beginning of school. The visiting list is as follows: Dr. J. M. Gaston, from the Board; Dr. L. B. West, Charlotte, N. C.; Dr. and Mrs. Croesus.

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LINCOLN PARTY OF COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY VISITS HAMPTON

Hampton Institute, Va., Feb. 11.—A delegation of students and teachers from the Lincoln School, Teachers College, Columbia University, visited Hampton Institute in the early part of this week. On an educational tour, the group included Hampton as one of the major points of interest to be seen. The party included 57 students and eleven teachers.

Of local interest was the fact that the first person whom the students asked for was John H. Wright, former member of the Hampton Institute Quartet, who was retired from active service last year, after fifty years of continuous singing with the Quartet.

As is well known, the Lincoln School is a twelve-grade laboratory school, founded in 1917 by the General Education Board, and made an integral part of Teachers College. A co-educational institute, the Lincoln School attempts to serve the double function of providing the best possible education for its pupils and a laboratory for curriculum experimentation.

"No wise man would prefer a war instead of peace. In peace, sons bury their fathers, but in war fathers bury their sons."—Croesus.