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

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PROGRAM OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL WORKERS CONFERENCE

UNIT OF WORK FOR COLORED PEOPLE, BOARD OF NATIONAL MISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE U. S. A.

To Be Held in the University Church at Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C., March 7th to 11th, 1938

Monday, March 7,
10:55 A. M. Discussion.
11:15 A. M. Bible Hour—Rev. Louis H. Evans, D. D.
12:00 Noon Recess.
2:00 P. M. Cooperation Between Church and School—Dean L. S. Cozart, Barber-Scotia Junior College, Concord, N. C.
2:25 Discussion.
2:45 P. M. Recent Developments at Mary Allen Junior College—Dean E. H. Steele, Crockett, Texas.
3:10 P. M. Discussion.
3:30 P. M. An Historical Review of Mary Potter's Contribution to Human Welfare—Rev. H. S. Davis, Mary Potter-Redstone-Albion Academy, Oxford, N. C.
3:55 P. M. Discussion.
4:15 P. M. Recreational Period.
8:00 P. M. Men's Night—The Mission for the Laity—Rev. Louis H. Evans, D. D.

Tuesday, March 8
9:00 A. M. Advisory Committee and National Missions Chairmen of Fairfield, Knox and McClelland Presbyteries.
12:00 Noon Recess.
2:00 P. M. Devotional Service—Rev. D. T. Murray, Radcliffe Memorial church, Atlanta, Ga.
2:15 P. M. More Adequate Church Buildings—Rev. A. S. Meachem, Pleasant Valley church, Broken Bow, Okla.
2:40 P. M. Discussion.
3:00 P. M. The Sunday School Parish—Dr. John M. Somern-dike, Secretary Sunday School Missions, Alaskan and Indian Work.
3:25 P. M. Discussion.
3:45 P. M. Missionary Activities in the Church—Miss R. Marie Preston, District Secretary, Chicago Office.
Fundamentals—Miss Virginia Ray, Field Representative.
Publicity in Missionary Work—Miss Mabel M. Sheibley, Secretary for Education and Publicity.
4:30 P. M. Social and Recreational Period. The gymnasium will be turned over for the use of those attending the Conference.
8:00 P. M. Rev. Louis H. Evans, D. D., Third Presbyterian church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. President, Board of National Missions.

Wednesday, March 9
9:00 A. M. Methods of Securing Funds for Current Expenses and Benevolences—Rev. C. J. Baker, D. D., Miller Memorial church, Birmingham, Ala.
9:25 A. M. Discussion.
9:45 A. M. Memorial Services, Rev. W. L. McEwan, D. D. As a Preacher—Rev. H. L. McCrorey, D. D.
As a Man of the Word—Rev. Z. A. Dockery, D. D.
As a Friend—Rev. J. M. Gaston, D. D.
10:30 A. M. Present Day Evangelism—Rev. L. B. West, D. D., Field Representative.
Rev. T. B. Hargrave, D. D., Evangelist, Canadian and Blue Ridge Synods. Rev. W. E. Houston, Evangelist, Atlantic and Catawba Synods.
11:15 A. M. Bible Hour.
2:00 P. M. Young People's Forum. Conducted by Rev. Frederick Thorne, D. D., Secretary for Young People's Work.
2:45 P. M. Discussion.
3:30 P. M. Community Betterment—What Can the Church Do?—Rev. J. B. Barber, D. D., Newton Community Station, Chattanooga, Tenn.
3:55 P. M. Discussion.
4:15 P. M. Recreational Period.
8:00 P. M. Women's Night—Mrs. G. W. Long, President Atlantic Synodical, Presiding. Speaker—Mrs. Agnes B. Snively, Honor Guest.

Thursday, March 10
9:00 A. M. How to make the Rural Church function more efficiently—Rev. M. J. Jackson, D. D., Ebenezer church, Dalzell, S. C.
9:25 A. M. Discussion.
9:45 A. M. The Church and Family Life—Rev. S. A. Downer, D. D., East Vine Avenue church, Knoxville, Tenn.
10:10 A. M. Discussion.
10:30 A. M. What the Larger Parish Plan is Accomplishing—Rev. George W. Long, D. D., Second church, Cheraw, S. C.

Friday, March 11
9:00 A. M. Gillespie-Selden Institute Today and Tomorrow—Mrs. A. S. Clark, Cordele, Ga.
9:25 A. M. Discussion.
9:45 A. M. The Value of the Teacher Training Department at Mary Holmes Seminary—Dean Mary E. Foresman, West Point, Miss.
10:10 A. M. Discussion.
10:30 A. M. Where Should the Emphasis be Placed in University Education Today?—Dean T. E. McKinney, Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. C.
11:15 A. M. Bible Hour—Rev. Louis H. Evans, D. D.
12:00 Noon Recess.
2:00 P. M. Promotional Conference—Rev. Arthur H. Limouze, D. D., Secretary, Promotion Board of National Missions. Rev. H. C. Webber, D. D., Promotion Department, General Council.
8:00 P. M. Motion Pictures—College Chapel—Rev. Arthur H. Limouze, D. D. Rev. H. C. Webber, D. D.

Announcements

Personal interviews will be granted to the workers by Mrs. Agnes B. Snively, Miss Virginia Ray, and Rev. J. M. Gaston, D. D., at the Theological Library beginning Friday at 2:30 P. M. and continuing as long as necessary.

Every minister is urged to bring from his church as many delegates as possible to attend these meetings. We are especially eager to have the elders and young people present.

It is expected that the members of the Conference will attend all sessions.

Prof. David E. Carroll and Dr. Thomas A. Long will be in charge of the Conference music. It is earnestly hoped that the local churches will pay the traveling expenses of their ministers to the Conference. The information and inspiration derived from it should a good deal more than justify the local churches in paying the expenses of their pastors. It will be impossible for the Unit to pay the traveling expenses of those attending the Conference. Entertainment for all delegates will be furnished free, however.

Entertainment Committee: Rev. L. B. West, D. D., Chairman; Rev. A. H. Prince, Rev. F. C. Shirley, Rev. W. R. Mayberry, Rev. S. Q. Mitchell, Prof. W. G. Morgan.

Write to Rev. L. B. West, D. D., 316 Carmel St., Charlotte, N. C., as to the time of your arrival, and your place of entertainment will be assigned to you.

Doctors Limouze and Webber will arrange to pay for the meals for those who remain through Friday afternoon and

evening for the Promotional Conference.

THEME SONG

All hail the power of Jesus' name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Crown Him, ye morning stars of light,
Who fixed this earthly ball;
Now hail the strength of Israel's might,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Now hail the strength of Israel's might,
And crown Him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
The wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all;
Go, spread your trophies at His feet,
And crown Him Lord of all.

PEOPLE'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, DENVER, COLO.

Our church is still marching on along all lines under the ministry of the Rev. M. H. Wilkinson. Every cent of indebtedness against the church building and the manse improvement tax has been wiped out, which is great encouragement to all concerned. Congratulation is due the church proper for having encouraged Miss Marie E. Hoard, one of our active young members in all the young people's activities of the church, who on the recommendation from pastor, as prescribed by our Board, together with volunteer speakers from the floor of Presbytery, passed a very creditable examination, and was taken under the care of Presbytery, and will be a Freshman student in Barber-Scotia seminary in the coming fall, looking towards Johnson C. Smith University after two years. She will be graduated from the Manual Training High school in June.

Our Young People's Day was observed Sunday, February 6th. At the 11:00 o'clock service, Louis Hughes, Jr., presided and the keynote message was brought by Mrs. William Dingle, of the Montview Boulevard Presbyterian church—"If I Follow Him." She brought a timely message for the occasion. Miss Mildred Jones was the piano soloist.

The vesper service was at 5:30 at which time, Robert White, Jr., presided. The message was brought by Rev. Fred E. Udlock, of the Clayton Presbyterian church—"If I Follow Him." His sermon will not soon be forgotten. He pointed out many things that will happen if we follow Christ.

The communion service was observed, when Mesdames Cordia Wilson, Bessie Hughes, Lula J. Broan and Flora Stell passed the emblems around. This unique occasion was sponsored by Mrs. Virgie S. Farrell, directress; Louis Hughes, Jr., President; Robert White, Jr., Vice-President; Miss Marie E. Hoard, Chairman of Program Committee.

A MEMBER.

GILLESPIE NORMAL SCHOOL, CORDELE, GEORGIA

Gillespie Normal School is engaged in a very active as well as a very instructive program. Both the students and faculty are seeking to make this a profitable year for all.

The first semester closed February 3, and the grades made by the students show a very distinct improvement in their work, and all have entered the next semester determined to do better work.

But while the classroom work is on a very high level, other activities have not been overlooked. Young People's Day exercises were a success almost beyond expectation. A group of seventh grade students took the lead in the Sunday school period; the pastor preached an able sermon at 11 o'clock in keeping with the program; and a very instructive program was

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BILLIONS FOR DESTRUCTION BUT NOT TEN THOUSAND FOR SALVATION

When a Christian people would rather spend billions of dollars to destroy life than ten thousand dollars to save lives it is time for serious thinking or comment.

At the time of this writing the United States government is planning to spend additional billions of dollars to manufacture implements of destruction. A Christian country is planning to spend our money to prepare to kill human beings, yet it refuses to sanction the spending of ten thousand dollars to help save a life. This is truly a situation to cause alarm from anyone who has a spark of that feeling which Christ manifested when dealing with human beings.

A few weeks past our Senators, who represent the people, spoke with all the eloquence and fervor of a Mark Anthony against the Anti-Lynch bill because it meant that some county would have to pay money to a Negro family in the event that a Negro was lynched. They ignored the fact that the Anti-Lynch bill affected whites as well as Negroes. They ignored the fact that lynching is already illegal. They saw only the clause which proposed the payment of a sum of money to the family of the person lynched, and by as irrelevant, immaterial and incompetent evidence as has ever been given on the floor of the Senate opposed the passage of the bill.

Preachers are not the only people who take a text and talk about everything else but it. Any time a man can take a subject and talk for six days without touching it, he deserves honorable mention. Perhaps he should be given a prize. Did anyone mention the booby?

To sidetrack an issue so important to human welfare is distressing to people of true Christian spirit. But to eliminate it in favor of the discussion of ways and means of spending billions to destroy people is a little more than a sensible man can take sitting. "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares." It seems that we are beating our plowshares into swords. While millions are unemployed, we build guns with which to kill. While the Negro is denied even partial protection from the dangers of mob lynching, we prepare to go across the ocean to interfere with other people's affairs.

They say a preacher who preaches one thing and lives another has little or no influence on other people. That might apply to nations also. It would seem that the more effective way to secure a better world would be to see that our own people are protected before we go off to patrol the world. Negroes are United States citizens, or aren't they? A declaration of war will quickly reveal that they are. As Langston Hughes would say: "I, too, sing America." But in the time of peace we take the words of James D. Carrothers:

"To be a Negro in a time like this
Demands rare patience—patience that can wait
In utter darkness. 'Tis the path to miss
And knock, unheeded, at an iron gate,
To be a Negro in a day like this."

If we don't want our children to play with matches we don't give them any. It would be rather ironical to give a man a gun and say, "Don't use it." When I go to the store for a gun I have use for it, and if I don't have use for it I am going to find use for it.

It seems that the last World's War did not teach us all that we ought to know. Perhaps we yet can make the world safe through war. I can't imagine nations standing flat-footed and fighting each other with their bare fists any more than I can imagine Christ carrying a gun.

J. LESSLEY SMITH.
Statesville, N. C.

THE PASSING OF MRS. T. J. SMITH

By Rev. Edward W. Carpenter, 408 W. 150th St., New York City

The funeral of Mrs. T. J. Smith was held at St. James Presbyterian church, New York City, February 6, 1938, at 2 P. M. Following is the order of service:

The 23rd Psalm, Dr. William L. Imes.

"My Faith Looks Up to Thee," Rendall Memorial church choir. Scripture, I Cor. 15th chapter, Dr. Wm. L. Imes.

Solo, "There's No Death," Mrs. Annie Mae Dudley.

Poem: "Burial of Moses," Mrs. Gustava P. Miller, representing the Southernwives of the Physicians' Wives Association.

Solo, "Face to Face," Mrs. Gladys Stuart.

Resolutions, Physicians' Wives' Association.

Resolutions, Southernwives Club No. 1.

Resolutions, Mutual Aid Society of St. James church.

Song, "Blest Be the Tie that Binds," sung by the Society.

Paper, "She and Her Mother," Mrs. Icila Wheatlay's impressions of the life of the deceased, read by little Violet Wheatley.

A letter of sympathy from the Metropolitan A. M. E. church, read by Dr. Imes. Dr. Imes read or mentioned an unusually large number of telegrams from friends from all over the United States.

Resolutions by St. James church school.

"Jesus, Saviour, Pilot Me," choir.

"Mrs. Smith's Life as a Teacher." Dr. Thomas H. Amos spoke of Mrs. Smith's value as a teacher very extensively, as she taught in his school for a long time. He magnified her noble and consecrated life.

Rev. Dr. Thomas J. B. Harris spoke of Mrs. Smith's life as a teacher—a woman of outstanding sincerity and helpfulness to her husband, her family and humanity.

A paper of sympathy by the N. Y. Scotia Chapter.

Obituary

Mrs. Johanna Rosalie Ramsay Smith, beloved wife of Dr. T. J. Smith, and dear mother of Heppie Ross and Fannie Smith, departed this life at 4:45 A. M. on the 4th day of February, 1938. She was a native of Georgetown, British Guiana, a daughter of Thomas and Mary Ramsay. She had four sisters who preceded her to the spirit world years ago.

She had all the advantages of a Christian home, and in early life was regarded as a bright child; therefore no sacrifice was too great in the directing of her education. She was a product of Bishop College, Georgetown, Demarara, and was one of the few of her sex to qualify for the Government teachers' certificate, even after she was recognized by her college. She was very successful in the profession of teaching. It was at this time she met her husband and they were happily united in matrimony the 20th of August, 1893.

After Dr. Smith received the call to the Gospel ministry, and had made plans to begin preparation in this country, he seemed to her as being loathe to break the family ties. She at once bought tickets for the United States.

Reaching Biddle University, now the Johnson C. Smith University, she soon won the respect of the late Dr. D. J. Sanders, then President of the institution, and his amiable wife, Mrs. Fannie P. Sanders, because of her scholarship and high Christian character, moving easily in the professional circles of the University and the community.

Being a born teacher, Mrs. Smith was not satisfied to give up her profession. So she took the examination of the Charlotte Board of Education and easily won the First Grade Certificate in 1897. From that year she continued faithfully in the class room,

teaching in several of the recognized institutions such as Harbison College, Abbeville, S. C., Rev. Dr. Thomas H. Amos then President; Swift Memorial Junior College, Rogersville, Tenn., under Dr. W. H. Franklin; the Georgia Normal and Agricultural College, Dr. J. W. Holley, President, and the Randolph Training School, at Cuthbert, Ga., Professor F. H. Anderson, Principal. She was at one time principal of Wallingford Academy, Charleston, S. C., under the Northern Presbyterian Board of Missions for Freedmen, and a material helper to her husband in founding and building the Charles E. Kistler Academy at Morganton, N. C.

After successful years of service, keen opposition sprang up in the field and her husband not getting the expected support from those in authority, and knowing of the untiring and self-sacrificing service given the Church, the Academy and the city, she encouraged him not to desert the ministry, but to supplement it with medical training as a family protection. Throughout the years of preparation and medical practice to the 4th of February, 1938, she stood firmly as a wall of encouragement and comfort behind him for which he is humbly grateful. She had the satisfaction of knowing of his appreciation, and was happy.

Coming to New York City, she identified herself with the St. James Presbyterian church, and was active in Sunday school work which she followed until her health failed. She loved her minister, her church, her home, where she was always kind and considerate, but firm in discipline, as the good teacher, should be, and, above all, she loved her God in whom her faith never waned.

She bore her long illness with Christian courage, cheerfulness and patience. Of a truth she finished her work, crossed the Jordan peacefully, and at this moment is basking in the effulgence of her Saviour's light.

The eulogy by Dr. Imes was based on I Cor. 15:48: "As is the earthy, such are they also that are earthy; and as is the heavenly, such are they also that are heavenly." Dr. Imes spoke beautifully of Mrs. Smith's loving, gracious service, of her trust in God, and of what a noble helper she was to her husband. There was a large audience and a load of flowers, showing the high esteem in which Mrs. Smith was held by the church, the Sabbath school, and the family's many friends.

The closing prayer was offered by the Rev. Edward W. Carpenter.

The undertaker was Mr. Leroy Butler, assisted by his efficient wife, Mrs. Dorothy Butler, 177 W. 126th St., New York City. The interment was in Woodlawn cemetery.

DR. COMPTON HEADS NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

Dr. Arthur H. Compton, of the University of Chicago, 1937 Nobel prizewinner and co-chairman with Dr. John H. Finley of the laymen's committee of the \$10,000,000 Presbyterian Sesquicentennial Fund for Christian Education, has succeeded the late Newton D. Baker as Protestant co-chairman of the National Conference of Jews and Christians. This inter-faith organization, which sponsored the observance of Brotherhood Week, February 18-25, in thousands of American communities, has three co-chairmen. The others are Professor Carlton J. H. Hayes, Roman Catholic, and Roger W. Straus, Jewish philanthropist. The director is Dr. Everett R. Clinchy, a minister of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.