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THE ATLANTIC SYNODICAL PRESBYTERIAN SUMMER CONFERENCE

By Mrs. M. V. Marion

The month of August always brings happiness and cheer to the young people and the enthusiastic adults of the Atlantic Synod, because one week in this good old month will bring to them information, inspiration, new friends, old friends and closer fellowship with God.

On Saturday, August 6, Harbison Institute, which is located at Irmo, S. C., threw wide its doors to a very large delegation to spend a week on its lovely campus, with Dr. and Mrs. J. G. Porter as host and hostess, backed up by their loyal, open-hearted faculty.

The Conference began with a lively song service, with our own Dr. S. Q. Mitchell as Director. The evening program continued with Dr. J. W. Manoney, Associate Director, presiding. After a short worship service, conducted by Rev. H. L. Counts and Dr. Manoney, the chairman of the Board of Directors, Rev. Franklin Gregg, held the audience spell-bound with his masterful message from the theme, "What Mean Ye by This Service," taken from Exodus 12:26. He said in part: A wise man never takes a journey without knowing where he is going. We should have proper direction to obtain a good leadership. The influence of this Conference may be like a pebble dropped into the ocean. Inspiration may be set in motion to continue to carry on until it has reached the length and breadth of this land. Information, fellowship, recreation and, last but not least, religious training will fail if we stop at the close of this Conference. If the world is to be saved and brought back to Christ it depends on each individual.

At the close of this wonderful message Dean Scott brought words of greetings, and also presented Dr. A. B. McCoy. In his good-humored and friendly way, Dr. McCoy brought words of welcome to the new as well as the old delegates, also greetings from the Catawba Synodical Summer Conference, before introducing the Principal of Harbison Institute and host of the Conference, Dr. J. G. Porter, who gave words of welcome and also told how the faculty members of the Institute had opened their homes for use throughout the week of the Conference.

Sunday was a very busy day. Sunday school was in charge of Mr. J. T. Jones and the other missionaries.

Sunday morning worship was conducted by Rev. J. H. Toatley, who used as his text, James 4:14 and his subject, "What Is Your Life?" He emphasized the thought that eternal life begins with God and ends with God. We must cast our life on the right anchor and that anchor is Christ. His message was wonderful and gave us food for thought.

Miss Angie Turner sang beautifully "Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen," by J. Rosemond Johnson, before the sermon, and Mr. R. E. Foster, Jr., sang very sweetly "O Dry Those Tears" at the close of the sermon.

At 3:15 P. M. the delegates began to find their way to the chapel to see and read what had been so well advertised and there they saw and read how "Youth Speaks Its Mind" through a poster which had been made by the leader of the Forum, Miss Castle Williams. This Forum was very much alive and the youth really spoke their minds.

Sunday evening vespers were conducted by Dr. L. B. West. He delivered a wonderful message from the text I Kings 17:7, using as his subject, "The Brook That Dried Up." The characters were Elijah, the raven and the brook. He stressed Elijah's obedience to

God, how God used the raven, how God will take care of His children, and compared our own lives with the brook that dried up.

The evening worship was conducted by Dr. Alfred de Barrett, of Key West, Fla. Before beginning his sermon, he gave the history of his church and how he planned to attend the Summer Conference as soon as his church became a part of us. His text was, "Jesus said, they have been here three days and have had nothing to eat." His message was very interesting and impressive.

Monday morning began a full week of work. The schedule that had been planned was carried out each day as follows: Breakfast; Preparation—Group meetings; Bible; Classes in Methods; Classes in Leadership; Supervised Study; Chapel—Pep Songs; Dinner; Rest and Study; Group Meetings; Games; Supper; Vespers; Evening Program; Fellowship; Group meetings; Lights Out. Thus ended a very busy day.

Vespers

The vespers were conducted each evening by Dr. J. A. Cotton, of Henderson, N. C., and each message brought you food to feast on as we sat and listened to this man of God. The setting of the beautiful sun even added a touch to the message. His subjects and a few high lights of each message are as follows:

Monday—"Lovest thou me more than these?" John 21:15.
(1) More than these love me?
(2) More than you love these disciples.
(3) More than you love those nets.

Tuesday—"Profit and Loss."
(1) The means by which we live.
(2) The ends for which we live.

Wednesday—"He could not be hid."
(1) Because of his personality;
(2) Because of his relation to his Father;
(3) Because of his relation to the world.

Thursday—"Face of Jesus."
(1) A transfigured face;
(2) A face of anger.
(3) A face of wounded affection.
(4) A face of love.
(5) A humiliated face.

Friday—"The Test of Life."
What shall I do with Jesus?
(1) Some things I cannot do.
(a) Can't dodge the issue.
(2) Some things you can do.
(a) Can accept Him.

Evening Programs

Monday—Social. The Recreational Committee and Student Council had charge with Mesdames U. L. Brewer and C. McCoy Jamison as sponsors.

Tuesday—Address: Rev. O. M. McAdams, St. Petersburg, Fla. "Building Highways," was his subject. "We should move forward. The world isn't standing still. The world moves forward upon the feet of the youth. Move out the stones in the future highways of progress." These are only a few thoughts from his masterful address.

A male quartette, consisting of Rev. A. H. Prince, Dr. S. Q. Mitchell, Mr. J. T. Jones and Mr. H. R. Pinckney, furnished the music for the evening. They captivated the audience with their voices of harmony by singing "Roll Down, Jordan," "Down by the River Side," and "Seek and Ye Shall Find." Lest I forget, a female chorus directed by Mrs. C. McCoy Jamison sang "Certainly, Lord," on the Sunday evening program and Mr. J. T. Jones sang "My Lord, What a Morning." No need to mention the sweetness of his singing because his name suggests that.

Wednesday evening Rev. A. H. Prince, the newly elected Field Representative and Director of Atlantic Summer Conference, brought a short, spicy message from the subject, "What I Am To-day Will Be What I Am to Be Tomorrow." The female chorus sang two

numbers: "We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder" and "Certainly, Lord." Miss Clinkscales rendered a solo, "Open Mine Eyes;" Miss Sands gave a reading, "Creation," by James Weldon Johnson. The Reds and Blues contested in a Spelling Bee and tied.

Thursday—Musical. The talent of the Conference was on display in radio with Miss Castle Williams as announcer. The program consisted of grand opera singing, concert singing, church singing and last, but not least, old time spirituals sung by the organ of yesterday. There was also concert playing and parlor playing, so the friends can readily see that the talent of the Conference was really on display.

Friday—Address: Dr. A. C. Griggs, of Augusta, Ga. His subject was, "Come Along With Me, and Let Us Collect Souls for the Kingdom." He said in part: Have you caught the vision? God needs us. Where there is no vision the people perish. Let us stand upon the peak and catch a vision. His message was edifying and inspiring. Rev. O. M. McAdams and Mr. J. T. Jones sang "Hope Beyond" before the message, and the Haines Female Quartette sang "Fairist Lord Jesus" at the close of the message.

Friday evening, being the last meeting of the Conference, there was a full program. Dr. McCoy, in a humorous way, introduced Dr. G. W. Long, not knowing what his speech was leading to, and then came Dr. A. S. Clark, in his stalwart manner, who asked Dr. A. B. McCoy, Field Secretary of the Unit of Work With Colored People, to stand up. Then he, in a way as nobody else could do it, presented Dr. McCoy a purse, which was given by the delegates of the Conference, as a token of esteem of the service which he has given in an unselfish way as Director of this Conference. After receiving the token and being two full to express his gratitude, Dr. McCoy called his daughter to come forth and say what she knew that he wanted to say, and she came forth and thanked the delegates with words that will always linger in their hearts.

The awarding of the Conference and Leadership Certificates and reading resolutions adopted by the Student Council closed a worthwhile Conference to be remembered in years to come.

Class-Room Work

Each leader expressed himself as having a very interesting class, and the delegates showed their interest by attending the classes promptly, with all assignments prepared. The class in "The Art of Leadership" was seen in the dining room, at vespers, and in chapel. On Thursday morning during the chapel hour, the Conference rendered a memorial service for the late Dr. C. M. Young, with Mrs. W. I. P. Roseborough presiding. The following program was rendered:

Hymn—Congregation.
Scripture—Heb. 11:1-13 — Miss R. Evans.

Prayer—Rev. H. L. Counts.
Solo: "Rock of Ages"—Miss Cortes Leake.

Address: "Life of Dr. Young"—Dean R. W. Boulware.
Duet: "It Is Well"—Miss Angie Turner and Mrs. Marcia V. Marion.

Prayer and Benediction—Rev. J. Frank Henderson.

Chapel Hour

Each day was very interesting and the pep singing was enjoyed by all, especially the "nut" songs. I guess those who were caught won't forget it. Tuesday was a day of information. Dr. McCoy told of his new work and introduced and presented to the Conference the following new workers: Rev. A. H. Prince, Field Representative for Atlantic and Catawba Synods, also Director of the Summer Conferences.

Dr. L. B. West, Evangelist of the Atlantic and Catawba Syn-

ods, also Director of Evangelistic Work of the Entire Church.

Dr. Frank C. Shirley, Manager of "The Advance."
Mr. J. T. Jones, Supervisor of Sunday School Missions in the four Negro Synods.

Mrs. C. McCoy Jamison, Synodical Religious Educational Worker and Supervisor of the Parish Workers.

Games

The contest between the Reds and Blues was very interesting from the beginning and the good old Blues played from the beginning to the ending of the conflict and carried the cup home covered in "blue."

Social Activities

The dining room was the center of attraction. Each day brought something new and interesting, but the day when the Recreational Committee marked the "Faculty" the final act was ended. You can guess the sponsor's "name." This committee, along with the Student Council, entertained the Faculty, special guests and a member of each Fellowship Group in a very unique way on Wednesday evening. All present enjoyed themselves.

On Thursday evening Dr. and Mrs. Porter entertained the Faculty and guests of the Conference in their beautiful home, in a very elaborate way. A "Hobby Game" was introduced and enjoyed by all.

The Field Secretary had as his guest on Friday the Faculty, special guests of the Conference and Dr. and Mrs. Porter to a lovely six o'clock dinner. The table was laden with a well-balanced meal and beautiful flowers. You couldn't help from eating because he was such a fine host. We are still thinking about it.

We cannot close this write-up without mentioning how each delegate was an asset to the Conference and especially do we mention Dr. de Barrett and his four delegates who came all the way from Key West, Fla. They were so impressed with the Conference that they invited the Conference to meet with them in 1939. So the slogan is, "On to Key West, Fla."

PSYCHOLOGICALLY SPEAKING

One reason you do not demonstrate in the things you need is because you concentrate too freely on money as an end in itself, while money is not an end but a means to an end. Money in itself is dangerous—"the root of all evil."

Especially is this true of the ignorant or the happy-go-lucky pleasure-seeker. The wrong use of money as such will serve as a great life and soul destroyer. In seeking your need you should concentrate on the thing for which you desire money, having made an estimate of the cost, making sure that thing is for a high and noble purpose—better still if it tends toward the up-building of God's Kingdom.

Here is a hint to help our churches, but be sure the money goes for the purpose it is intended, otherwise you may find your efforts fruitless.

A young man in Pennsylvania wrote me that a friend sent him a clipping, "Psychologically Speaking," from the Africa-American Presbyterian, that he had become interested but did not understand just what to do; that numbers in his immediate community were in a sadder plight than himself, and whom he thought the teaching would benefit. He then asked me to tell him what to do in his case which he explained. I closed my reply to him thus, "Assume this mental attitude then go and help those people." In ten days a letter from him with a free will offering stated in part: "I do not understand it, but my desire was fulfilled when I least expected it, and while carrying out that instruction through faith."

J. J. SHEPPERSON,
Bristol, Tenn.

"Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

BLUE RIDGE SYNODICAL CONFERENCE

By Conference Reporter

Beautiful for situation is Swift Memorial Junior College which is located on an eminence overlooking the city of Rogersville and affording a panoramic view of the surrounding landscape with its majestic mountains in the distance.

Amid such grandeur and picturesqueness was held the seventeenth annual meeting of the Blue Ridge Synodical Conference during the week beginning August 19, 1938. Meeting under such ideal conditions, and having them supplemented by the supreme efforts of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Hargrave to make us comfortable and our stay enjoyable, it is quite understandable why the Conference was the success that it was.

Everything was conducive to that end. And anything other than success would have been impossible. The one and only disappointment was in the size of the delegation. But what was lacking in quantity was amply compensated for in the quality of the delegates, of the work done in the class rooms, the addresses delivered at the chapel period, at the vesper and evening hour. Add to all of that the inspirational music, the annual social, and that given by the Student Council for the Faculty and a few of the elect and it is easy to see how this Conference surpassed all others.

But lest we forget, let us mention two other very enjoyable features of the Conference. One is the broadcast over Station BLAB. The work of the announcer was excellent. The other—and we have reserved the best for the last—was the entertainment. In that department history was made by our host and hostess or which they might rightly be proud. And for which the Conference expressed well-deserved thanks and appreciation. We are sure that the travelling faculty is willing to "come again" to Swift. Perhaps the only objection would come from those who fear an increase in avariciousness. Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. George, Misses Williams and Freeman will please take notice.

Lack of time and space—mostly time—would forbid a full and detailed account of the proceedings of the Conference. For beginning with the opening address by the chairman of the Board of Directors, in which the objectives of the Conference were succinctly but comprehensively and clearly set forth, and continuing through the week when other addresses replete with thought that was uncommon and expressed by diction that was arresting because of its richness, were delivered, and climaxed by the closing message on the four functions of the Church, the Conference reached a very high mark and took an equally high place among similar assemblages. And it isn't premature to predict that the next meeting will witness an unprecedentedly large delegation in attendance, especially if it is held at Swift College.

A noticeable fact in connection with the Conference was the presence of a large number of young men. According to our way of thinking that is a very hopeful sign and one that is prophetic of a new day for the Church.

The Franklin Memorial Service

Immediately following the early morning communion on Sunday the Convention members encircled the grave of the late Dr. W. H. Franklin, founder and first President of the college, and held a brief memorial service. Appropriate music and a fervent prayer featured the service.

Appearing on the program in special addresses were the following persons: Drs. C. A. Edgington, C. J. Baker, W. C. Hargrave, L. B. West, and S. A.

Downer; Mrs. C. M. Jamison and Miss Castle Williams. The vesper speakers were Mrs. A. A. Jones and Rev. T. B. Hargrave. Rev. P. J. A. Cox preached the annual sermon.

Faculty members were Mrs. A. H. George, Mrs. C. M. Jamison, Miss Castle Williams, Miss E. E. Goines, Drs. S. Q. Mitchell, F. C. Shirley, L. B. West and S. A. Downer.

Conference impressions point to a new appreciation of the Church and its program. Throughout the meeting it was definitely affirmed and accepted that the Church has never failed us, and very generally decided that we will not fail the Church.

Just as we were in the act of writing this account of the Conference we received a letter from one of the delegates after her return home. Said she, "The Conference in every respect was wonderful. Every minute spent there was of inspiration and information." Those words are a fitting summary of the consensus of opinion expressed at and since the meeting by those who were in attendance upon that historic meeting held at Swift Memorial Junior College for a week ending August 21, 1938.

ATLANTIC PRESBYTERIAL

By Lula E. Whaley

The meeting of Atlantic Presbyterial was held at St. James church, James Island, September 9th. It was called to order by the President, Mrs. A. S. Brewer.

Mrs. M. V. Marion conducted the morning's devotions. Theme: "If I Be His Disciple I Will Grow More Sensitive to Human Needs." Our hearts burned within us as she described the facts. The President brought greetings and spoke fittingly on "The Changes" and asked that we let God bring about the changes in us as He brings about the changes in the plants and trees.

The delegation was the largest in years. Mrs. Sara E. Gray, who has been away for some time, and her daughter, Mrs. Ed. Simmons, of Savannah, Ga., were with us during the session.

Echoes of the National meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., were given by the President, which were very interesting.

Each local society accepted its apportionment, and it is hoped that in the near future Atlantic Presbyterial will be able to bring its apportionment to Foreign Missions up with that given to National Missions.

Problems of the Presbyterial Officers were fully discussed. With the information received it is hoped that all blanks will be properly filled out and returned at the stated date.

The "Pep" meeting will be held at Olivet church the last Sunday in January at 3 P. M.

A memorial service for the members who have passed to the great beyond, from the various societies, was conducted in a fitting manner by the committee appointed.

The song, "Onward, Christian Women," composed by Mrs. M. V. Marion, was sung several times during the meeting. Peace and harmony existed throughout the sessions, and each one present felt that it was good to be there.

The beautiful St. James church with its new choir at the rear of the pulpit, its electric lights, and swinging doors, gave an air of welcome to the packed audience at the evening's program.

A warm welcome was given by Miss Elestine Whaley. Response by Mrs. L. E. Whaley, Mr. Ed. Simmons, of Savannah, rendered two solos. A spiritual playlet was rendered by local talent conducted by Mrs. Marion. The choir furnished

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