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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Social Service Institute Held. Town Library Attractive. Reciprocity Meeting Attended.

On Thursday of the past week a Social Service Institute was held at the Methodist Church, the Missionary Society acting as the hostess. A large delegation was expected, but there were only twenty-six representatives from the following churches: Columbia, Green Street and Shannon churches; Edgefield, Gilbert, Leesville, Ridge, Harmony, Spans, Pond Branch. The local Missionary Society was well represented, and visitors from the other churches came to profit by the day's service. The subject for the day, "Social Service," is a phase of work that can reach all through its democratic effort. The most blessed human endeavor is service; the service that educates and builds, and makes this world a better and happier place to live in. Service is now the spirit of the hour, and it blesses him that gives and him that receives. It is the helping hand extended unselfishly; it is bread cast upon waters. Service touches at the heart of things as nothing else can. So with this great subject for discussion there were forceful talks, and each one was impressed and felt a longing to be doing her part. The pastor of the church, Rev. David Kellar, conducted the morning service, and Mrs. H. M. Greneker of Edgefield presided over the meeting.

Mrs. R. L. Keaton of Columbia, conference superintendent of Social Service, spoke on this topic. She outlined four different kinds of service, legislative, co-operative, work of organization, evangelistic.

"Christ was the ideal social service worker," she said.

Mrs. R. E. Stackhouse of Columbia spoke on "International Work." She is an earnest speaker, and she was heard with interest upon the subject, and having resided here when her husband was pastor of this church, she had many warm friends before her, her presence being a pleasure to all.

Mrs. Keaton spoke in the afternoon on "The Negro Problem." She said we should investigate their homes, schools and churches, and work through them, and also teach them to work for themselves. Kindness, she said, is the only language the negro understands.

At the conclusion of the morning service, a most delightful luncheon was served in the Sunday school room, and all had the pleasure of talking with the two splendid speakers and meeting the delegates.

Those from here to go over to Columbia on Friday, to hear Sousa, were Mrs. O. D. Blakk, Messrs. John Howard and Oscar Black, Mrs. G. D. Walker and Mrs. F. H. Williams.

The many friends of Mr. William Bouknight will be happy to know that his condition is most favorable, and it is hoped that it will not be so long before he can be back to home and friends.

Dr. and Mrs. C. P. Corn have been for a visit to the home of the latter's father, Mr. William Strother.

Misses Clara, Daisy, Maud and Gladys Sawyer spent part of last week at Aiken with their sister, Mrs. Henry Clark.

Miss Blanch Sawyer has returned to Darlington, where she holds a position.

Mrs. M. R. Wright visited relatives in Columbia during the past week.

The Town Library is a very attractive place now that more new books have come in. It is opened twice a week, and many are getting out books. The membership fee is \$1.00, and for those that do not care for membership a small monthly fee is accepted.

Mrs. Gus Powell died at her home near town on last Friday, after a short illness. She was a good christian woman, and was nearing ninety years of age. The interment was made at Rocky Creek church burying ground.

Mrs. Grace Crouch of Mullins is spending awhile here in the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Crouch.

Mrs. Sallie Stanfield of Aiken has been for a visit in the home of her brother, Mr. J. M. Turner.

Mrs. James White spent the past week at Leesville with her daughter, Mrs. Thomas Mitchell.

Mr. and Mrs. David Howard and family will go to High Point, N. C., on Friday, where they will make their home. Mr. Howard has accepted a position there. Their departure is regretted, for they were kind friends and

neighbors, and will be greatly missed.

Mrs. John Wright is the guest of Mrs. Sallie R. Owen at Bamberg.

Mrs. Robert Cartledge of Greenwood spent last week here with her sister, Mrs. Ben Wright.

The music club met with Miss Gladys Sawyer on Tuesday, and plans were made for "The Spinters' Rejuvenation," a play to be given in a short while, the proceeds to be used to reimburse the treasury.

A very enjoyable program was had, a good paper on "Immigration Has Af-American Music," being given by Mrs. M. T. Turner.

Piano Selections: Misses Barre, Sawyer, Watson and Mrs. G. D. Walker. The Swedish Klapp Daus was executed by twelve little children.

Voice: Mrs. C. L. Moore.

The hostess served dainty sandwiches and tea.

An invitation to attend Reciprocity meeting was received here by the clubs.

Mrs. Joe Cox and Mrs. J. H. White were the only two here that attended. Mrs. Cox represented the music club as the president, Miss Denny could not attend, and Mrs. White represented the New Century club, Mrs. Waters, president, being unable to attend. She represented also the library association, of which she is president.

Miss Antoinette Denny spent the week-end with friends at Aiken.

Miss Carrie Bell Stevens was quite sick during the past week.

The Lott school, which has been taught by Mrs. Ed Dasher, closes with this month. Mrs. Dasher and her assistant have made splendid teachers, and the term was a very successful one.

Mr. Marion Rhoden and Miss Viola Herrin will be married on Thursday of this week and every one is interested in the happy union of these two young people. After their marriage and honeymoon they will reside in the home of Mr. J. A. Lott.

Antioch News.

There was no preaching at Antioch Sunday, the church being without a pastor, but the members met and held a business meeting.

Our Sunday school is doing nicely with Mr. H. H. Sanders as superintendent.

We are to have prayer meeting every Sunday afternoon, which we think will be a great help.

We are sorry to report a great deal of sickness in the community, but are glad to say that little Cecil Holmes, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Holmes, is much improved after being very sick with pneumonia.

The many friends of Mr. G. W. Wood are sad to know that he improves slowly. We sincerely hope he will soon be well again.

Miss Ola Gardner returned home Sunday after a stay of two very pleasant weeks with relatives and friends at Red Hill. She was accompanied by Miss Lourie Johnson.

Mrs. T. P. Lyon and little Maxie spent a happy day with Miss Ellie and Mrs. Ida Mims last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holston spent a pleasant day Monday with relatives in Edgefield.

A few young people of our community enjoyed a possum hunt last Friday night. They had lots of fun as well as good luck.

Miss Debae, our principal, spent Sunday with relatives in Augusta.

Miss Inez Quarles, also Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Quarles, of North Augusta, were the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Eubanks, Monday night.

Mr. Grady Pettigrew made a flying trip to Johnston Sunday.

Messrs. C. C. Jones and C. A. Brunson motored to Augusta on business Tuesday.

We were sorry to hear of the death of Mrs. D. T. Sanders of Ridge Spring. Having lived in our community awhile she had many friends here. Especial sympathy is felt for her daughter, Mrs. T. L. Walker, who could be with her only a short while before her death.

Mrs. O. J. Holmes of the Red Hill section was with her son, Mr. W. L. Holmes, a few days of the past week.

Mr. John Mundy of Edgefield spent the week-end with his aunt, Mrs. W. F. West.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Miss Florence Mims Writes on Washington's Birthday.

Dear Advertiser:

No inspiration has come to me during the past past week. The days have passed with a savage sameness. Only the number 22 on the calendar has made any difference.

I am not in a fitting frame of mind to celebrate the birthday of the "Father of His Country," for the U. P. S. did not have a holiday.

The rain poured all day and suddenly this evening the wind began to blow at some several miles an hour, and the air chilled me through and through.

I think when I leave this profession that I shall go into the banking business or the post-office department, for those two professions have holidays on the slightest provocation.

One begins to feel that it is much more important to get a letter to-day than it was for America to have had her freedom from tyrannical George III.

As I said, we celebrated the day by going to school, and since Wednesday is the one day in the week set aside for chapel, we sang various patriotic songs in the same way that an American audience always sings them. The Star Spangled Banner is ever like some startlingly new hymn, suddenly assigned the congregation to sing, we start out on the first line glibly, rising with nimbleness to our feet. By the time we have reached the second verse we are standing on tip toe and looking heavenward as though those acts might help us to reach the high notes. By the time we have reached the last verse we are out with Francis Scott Key, America and the world in general, having so recently split our throats.

No tune to any patriotic song has the pep and catchiness of Dixie. I wish that some public spirited citizen would put some words to it that would suit all sections of the country. There is something about the tune that ignites one's fervor.

Mr. Gabriel del Orbe, an artist on the violin and in Spaniard, has arrived here from Mexico City to teach violin for the rest of the term. He does not speak English very well and was trying to hum the tune to the different songs, when we came to "America," he asked me if that were not "God Save the King," and I told him that we had taken the tune from the English.

This reminded me of the time when I was in Canada several years ago. I was attending services in a Methodist church on Christmas afternoon. During the service they played what I thought must be "America." So I began singing lustily "My Country 'Tis of Thee," etc. Suddenly I discovered that the words that I was singing seemed to be slightly different from those of the rest of the congregation. I turned to listen, and found them to be singing "God Save the King" to the tune with which I was so familiar. Needless to say I stopped and listened, though I didn't care in the least whether the King was saved or not or what happened to him.

It really seems to me that the foreign countries have more of an inborn love of their National anthems than we do. Perhaps it is because they are more musical, but I know no better way of showing love of country in time of peace than by learning and singing from our hearts, songs which historical associations and love of our native land have made dear to our hearts.

FLORENCE MIMS,
Tonkawa, Oklahoma,
February 22, 1922.

Items From Flat Rock.

We have had some pretty sun-shiny weather, but it has changed to rain now.

Grain is looking real pretty.

Mrs. O'Neal Timmerman spent Saturday with Mrs. Sam Agner.

Miss Mildred Bussey spent Saturday night with Miss Sadie and Fannie Dow.

We see that Mr. Sam Agner and Mr. Eddie are going to have something good to eat by the looks of the wood pile.

Mrs. Sam Agner has been on the sick list for several days.

Mr. Wiley Agner has just returned from Greenwood after spending several days with his sister, Mrs. J. P. Holland.

Little Bennie Dow spent Sunday with Lizzie and Myrtle Agner.

Mr. J. E. Agner is starting about his farm. Said he wanted to plant his cotton before the boll weevil woke up.

Calls on Farmers to Help Save Tax.

A call to the farmers and landowners of the state to rally to the cause and help the house of representatives adopt a tax program that will greatly relieve the present burdens by urging senators who are against the ways and means committee and finance committee income tax bill to change their attitude and support this income tax measure, was issued yesterday by Senator Neils Christensen of Beaufort, who is leading the fight for the adoption of the new tax program in the state.

"The income tax bill is the foundation on which rests the more equal distribution of taxes," Senator Christensen said, "and there is just one more chance for the income tax bill of the house and of the senate finance committee. It can be saved by the farmers and landowners and no one else."

"This bill is a real income tax bill," Senator Christensen declared in speaking of the ways and means committee measure and the finance committee bill. "The McGee bill is charged by able lawyers to be unconstitutional and illegal. It was offered by men who denounce the principle of an income tax and announce they submit to it now on compulsion."

Must Act Quickly.

Senator Christensen calls upon the people to wire, write and come in person to see that the income tax bill is passed in order that the great tax burdens may be lifted from the farmers.

"There is just one more chance for the income tax bill of the house of representatives and senate finance committee. It can be saved by the farmers and landowners and no one else. There is a week to do it in. There is no time to organize. If every man and woman interested will write, wire, telephone or see members of the senate the growing popular support of the house tax reform program may save the day. It is more effective to see them at home or in Columbia, Mr. Christensen said.

"Car the farmers and others interested get any two of 23 senators to change their vote of last night? If two senators will reconsider they will carry the bill.

"Here are the opposing senators: Bales, Baskin, Black, Bonham, Butler, Duncan, Goodwin, Hart, Hamilton, Mason, McCall, McCrary, McGee, Moise, Ragsdale, Jeremiah Smith, Watkins, Wells, Wideman, Williams, Young, Baker, H. L. Smith and Massey. They want to carry out the wishes of the people. It is up to the people to let them know what their wishes are," continued Mr. Christensen.

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"This bill which was approved by the senate finance committee was set aside by the senate for the McGee substitute bill last week by a vote of 32 to 11, and last night by a vote of 23 to 20, so the current in the senate has set strong against it. The house will not agree to the substitute and then the senate will have to decide if it will insist on its amendment.

"Either the house or the senate must give in or kill the bill. If two of the 23 will change and vote for the house bill, it will win.

"This bill is a real income tax bill. No one has charged there is any question as to its legality. It will raise at least \$1,500,000 annually and reduce taxes over three mills each year.

Against Principle.

"The McGee substitute is charged by able lawyers to be unconstitutional and illegal. It was offered by men who denounce the principle of an income tax and announce they submit to it now on compulsion.

"Why sincere senators insist on this substitute is more than I can understand. After hearing them argue for days the objections were apparent on first reading.

"The house and senate finance committee bill is offered by men who champion the principle of the income tax and want it established permanently.

"We must play safe. If the courts overturn our income tax law on which we depend for next year's revenue

the state will be plunged into a big debt.

"The hour has struck for the farmers and landowners. Are they interested enough to make themselves heard next week.

"By letters, telegrams and verbal messages men and women representing every section of the state, have commended my fight for the tax reform program this week. To each of them and to each reader of these lines let me say: If you can come to Columbia early next week, come and help put this bill over. The senate meets Monday night. You are needed. The enemy is here. It is a more far reaching contest than you may realize. This fight can only be won by men tremendously in earnest and willing to sacrifice their time and speak out."—The State.

Unfair and Unjust.

It is very unfair and unjust for members of the legislature in discussing the appropriations for the departments of the government to make personal attacks on the heads of departments, as we understand was the case in discussion of the educational department, when some very unkind remarks were made in regard to Mr. Swearingen. In the first place, Mr. Swearingen is not the department, and if the appropriation should be made, it should be without reference to the man who happens at the time to fill the office. In other words, whatever may be the feeling of the member of the legislature toward any state officer he should be big enough to rise above personal feelings and do what is right and just and proper.

In the second place, it is neither right nor manly to attack a man in a forum in which you are protected and he has no right of reply or answer. It is neither a manly nor a brave thing to do. And we are surprised that certain members of the legislature have indulged in that sort of thing, especially in the discussion of the educational department.

We hold no brief for Mr. Swearingen. In fact, he does not need any one to defend him, and if he was given the privilege of reply in the same forum there is no doubt in the mind of any one who knows him that he could take care of himself. We will say this, however. There is no man in South Carolina who is better informed as to the needs of the schools than Mr. Swearingen, and we do not believe there is a man who is more interested in taking progressive steps in educational matters than he is, and who is doing more in that regard than he is. It is in no sense a personal matter, but one that concerns several hundred thousand children of this state and Mr. Swearingen is only the spokesman for these little children and making an honest effort to help them to develop into true men and women and to give them the advantages to which they are entitled. Our schools are but the great factories of the state for the manufacture, so to speak, of men and women, and their first duty should be to develop good citizens. The state through its legislature has promised to furnish the capital with which to run this big factory, and it should not fail to live up to its agreement. And Mr. Swearingen as the head of the machinery has simply stated to the legislature what is necessary to keep the wheels turning, and no good can come to this big business and its orderly conduct by attacks on the head, and in a forum in which he has no word or reply or explanation, and it is unfair and unjust and does not help the orderly conduct of the great business of running the schools.—Newberry Herald and News.

Every educator who examined the college recently has spoken in the highest terms of its work and equipment. Dr. Sage of the general education board visited the college last spring. His board had frequently declined to make an appropriation to the college. He stated to the president that practically as soon as he saw the college he knew he was going to make a favorable report, and the board did at that time appropriate \$5,000 for the increase of professors' salaries. Dr. Arnett visited the college in the fall. He said to the president that he was delighted with everything about the college and commented particularly upon the attractiveness and cleanliness of the buildings. A professor in Tulane university was selected by the head of the education work in the Southern Presbyterian church to visit all the colleges of the church and make a report to him. His report of the Presbyterian college was exceedingly complimentary and he stated that he rated it as one of the four best in the Southern Presbyterian church.

Dr. Douglas says the Presbyterians of South Carolina now have a wonderful opportunity to build up a great church college in the state. Wealthy men and women can not find a better investment. A number of people have remembered the college in their wills. The college now needs a number of new buildings and the endowment should soon be brought up to at least \$1,000,000. The world sorely needs the kind of spiritual leadership the college is furnishing.

Education Board Helps Presbyterian College.

Clinton, Feb. 24. President D. M. Douglas has received a telegram from Dr. Arnett, secretary of the general education board known as the Rockefeller foundation, stating that the board had appropriated \$125,000 towards \$375,000 for increased endowment. That is, the board is to give \$125,000 and the college is to raise \$250,000, all to be permanently investigated for an endowment fund.

In order to fill this condition it will not be necessary to put on a new campaign, if all the money subscribed in the million dollar campaign is collected. The general education board will make no gifts to a college until it is absolutely out of debt. The college is carrying an indebtedness of approximately \$30,000. It will be necessary to pay this as well as to collect the above stated amount before the board will make its contribution. In addition to paying debts and increasing endowment, the college expects to put up a new gymnasium, build two professors' homes and add to its equipment, out of the funds coming in from the million dollar campaign. Therefore, if all subscriptions to the million dollar campaign are not fully collected it is going to be necessary to put on another campaign in order to fill this condition.

The Presbyterian church in South Carolina is strong and wealthy, but until recently has spent very little on its educational institutions. The wealthy men and women have hesitated in putting large sums in the Presbyterian college because they seemed to feel a little uncertain about its future. This gift, with the collections from the million dollar campaign, will put the college firmly upon its feet. It will then be out of debt, have excellent equipment, and a permanent endowment of something over \$400,000.

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Mayorality Race

Although the bi-ennial municipal election, in which a mayor and six councilmen are elected, is yet more than two months off, it appears that the campaign has practically opened. Mr. W. W. Adams announced his candidacy last week through letters mailed to a number of voters and Dr. J. G. Edwards has stated that he will be a candidate for re-election. All legally qualified voters, both men and women, who do not hold a county registration certificate should procure one at once from Mr. W. E. Lott and later they will also have to register for the town election. No one can register as a voter in the municipal election who does not hold a county registration certificate.

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