

Bennettsville News

The Rev. J. S. Henry of Philadelphia, Pa., and his five sons are still making a wonderful impression upon the Marlboro County people. For two weeks the Evans Chapel A. M. E. Z. has been crowded to its uttermost. We are certainly blessed. On Tuesday night the Rev. J. L. Henry arrived with Godspeed. His first sermon was found in Gen. 2:2; subject "Hell Surrounded by Water." He emphasizes the point; first he paid his self-respect; 2nd, he paid his reputation; 3rd, he paid the approval of God. I must say that words in my vocabulary are not sufficient to express my thoughts on this excellent sermon.

On Thursday night he preached the main sermon for the young people: Proverbs 7:12, subject "The Fool Catcher." I am sure everybody both young and old went away fully blessed. 3rd. night was his last sermon in A. M. E. Z. Church. He preached a strong sermon, subject "Good Shepherd."

I wish everybody in this vicinity will get a chance to hear them preach. They are leaving for Shiloh where Rev. Youngblood is pastor. Shiloh church will take care of these good brothers. We can't say as yet which of the Henry preachers can preach best. All I can say is that all of them are good. Rev. P. B. Mmodana was in town and reports quite a pleasant stay at Rev. Johnson's church.

Mr. and Mrs. Lomax arrived home from Livingstone College. Prof. James McEddie was out of the city two days attending some special games in Lounsbury, N. C. His trip was a pleasant one.

Monday was quite a busy day with the reporter. Rev. J. I. Henry, Olives Henry, W. G. Henry, Miss Eva Stubbs, Miss Bessie and Mabel Grace, Mrs. Florence Royes, Miss McLeod and Rev. P. B. Mmodana visited the reporter. Rev. Mmodana motored thru the country with Mrs. and Miss Williams, as they were over spending the week end with Dr. and Mrs. McCollum.

Mr. Herman Thomas is in the city again after spending a long school term in the Northern states.

Miss Vine Jones, Miss Bettie and Halier M. Jones called on me Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Lomax, Rev. Cook, Miss Thompson and Mrs. Cook were out of the city on business during the convention at Cheraw.

The Marlboro County Union o lecpvHao g.ro aihgs(taotah closed Sunday with quite a success.

This church was very sad to hear of the death of our beloved friend Mr. K. J. Johnakin on last Sunday. He will be buried Tuesday A. M. at the Macedonia cemetery.

Rev. and Mrs. A. E. Lomax and Miss Maggie Lomax put over one of the biggest afternoon socials Thursday in honor of their son and daughters and the Revs. Henry. Among the guests present were: the Revs. Henry, Mr. D. M. McCall, Mr. and Miss Muelin, Miss Bettie Jones, Miss Terrie Thompson, Miss Viola Cornelius Sanders, Miss Martha Reese, Carreter, and Miss Calle D. Sanders, Prof. James McEddie, and Miss Isabella Sanders. They served chicken salad, crackers and cake and ice cream. Rev. J. L. Henry discussed fully the "Progressive Negro of Today."

Miss Hortense Stubbs, a student at Benedict college, arrived home. She looks the picture of health.

The teachers are getting ready for summer school.

Rev. N. G. Henry and Prof. McEddie left Monday for a motor trip to Sumter.

Miss Isabella Sanders returned from Lowryville, N. C., where she was called by the sickness of

Miss Rosie B. Sanders, who is now improving.

The farmers are wishing for rain. Rev. P. B. Mmodana will conduct a spring meeting at Macedonia with the Henry preachers in charge. (Miss) Callie D. Sanders, Rep't'r.

NOTES FROM BEAUFORT

Miss Beulah Quick of Orangeburg, who has been spending a few days with Miss Willie Blanding, returned to her home last Sunday, after spending a very pleasant stay in the city.

The Baccalaureate sermon was preached last Sunday night to the graduating class of the Beaufort High School at the Grace Chapel Church by Rev. Turner, pastor of said church. He gave some very wholesome advice to the class.

Mrs. Louise Glover-Jackson entertained in honor of Miss Ruth Quick of Orangeburg on last Thursday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Grayson. There were four tables of whist after which games a delightful course of refreshments was served. Those present were: Misses Ruth Quick, of Orangeburg, Arie and Helen Bamfield of Charlotte, N. C., Willie Blanding, Etta Washington, Marion Grayson, Leola Burks, Dorothy Blocker, Mrs. Florence Parks, Ethel Jenkins, Hilda Grayson and Louise Jackson; Dr. H. K. Culler, Dr. M. P. Kennedy; Messrs. St. Clair Grayson, Nathan Jenkins, and Atty. Chas. E. Washington. Miss Quick received the Visitors' Prize; Mrs. Ethelyn Jenkins received First Prize and Miss Leola Burk booby. On the next night Miss Willie Blanding entertained for Miss Quick at her home on West Street. Those present were the same as above, together with Profs. Barnwell, Boyd and King of Penn School.

We are glad to have our young ladies and men home again from the various schools of the State. Those returning home from the State College are: Misses Evelyn Searson, Peal Saxon, Ernestine Burr, Edna Moultrie, Florence Grant and Mr. James Polite; from Benedict College: Misses Catherine Ford, Theresa Grayson and Mable Williams; from Claflin University: Miss Edith Bythewood; from Allen University: Mr. Charles Heyward. We are indeed proud of the large number of our young people who are attending the various colleges of the State.

Miss Roxie Mitchell, of Burton, S. C., and a student of the Beaufort County Training School has received one of the Lincoln Scholarships of the Tuskegee Institute. She will leave very soon to take advantage of her scholarship. Much credit should be given Prof. J. S. Shanklin, principal of said school, for the good work he is doing at Burton.

We are indeed pleased to have with us for a few days, Mr. Fred R. Moore of New York City. While here he was the guest of his uncle and aunt, Atty. and Mrs. J. T. Washington.

Mr. St. Clair Grayson left Sunday for the State of Connecticut, where he anticipates remaining the summer season.

Mr. W. F. Davis, with his staff, visited Beaufort last Monday night and set up here the Improved Benevolent Order of Elks. About forty of our local men are now Big "Billis." You will hear more of us later.

Beaufort was visited last Tuesday morning, with the most disastrous fire, since the great fire of 1907, practically a whole block of Bay Street, the main business section was leveled. The firemen did splendid work, but the fire was too much advanced when the alarm was made. Again our colored fire department was among the first on the job.

Beaufort was visited by about

three thousand people on Memorial Day. The largest crowd that has been here for several years. There were about three or four boat excursions from Charleston and Savannah, and a large train excursion from Augusta, Ga. The weather was ideal and the order was even more ideal. Only one or two minor arrests were made, which argues that the people are becoming more appreciative of the sacredness of the Day. The ceremonies at the cemetery were exceptionally good. The oration which was delivered by Dr. D. F. Thompson of Augusta, Ga., was a masterpiece. The following is a program of the occasion. We hope to have inserted in this paper next week the most remarkable address ever heard in Beaufort.

Music, James C. Beecher Band; General Orders, R. S. Simmons; Music: "America"; Invocation, Rev. Fowler; Music, James C. Beecher Band; General Logan's Order, Harry Paniotti; Lincoln's Gettysburg Address, Jacob Blocker; Music, James C. Beecher Band; Remarks by the Keeper of the Cemetery; Introduction of the Orator of the day, Atty. Charles E. Washington; Oration, Dr. D. F. Thompson of Augusta, Ga.; Music, The Star Spangled Banner, James C. Beecher Band; Benediction, Dr. A. E. Quick. M. B. Fleming, Master of Ceremonies; A. W. Pressey, Marshal of the day; A. B. Colonel, Com'd'r. David Hunter Post No. 9.

The Departure of a Life Well Spent—Of a Noble Woman Mrs. Cecilia Goodwin.

Mrs. Cecilia Goodwin, wife of the lamented Eli J. Goodwin, departed this life on Thursday, May 28, 1925, at her home at Weston, S. C., and was funeralized and buried at Zion Benevolent Baptist Church the following Sunday. There were people present from different parts of the state who came out of respect for her and the esteem for the near relatives of the deceased.

Floral tributes were many and beautiful and the grave was covered with the most beautiful flowers that could be had. The funeral procession with automobiles was nearly one quarter of a mile long. Yet, there were at least fifty automobiles besides buggies at the church before the procession arrived. Mrs. Goodwin was loved for her kind, sympathetic, lovable, cheerful, pleasing and Christ-like disposition and she carried sunshine with her wherever she went, having a laugh and a smile for everyone. Mr. T. H. Pinckney had charge of the funeral arrangements and he had at the grave a beautiful silver lined self-lowering device which automatically by a simple release lowered

the casket into the grave. She was buried in one of the most beautiful and artistic caskets that could be had and she appeared to be sleeping. The following were pall bearers, viz: W. M. Webber, Jesse Green, Geo. son and Geo. L. Floyd. Her Henry, P. J. Taylor, Joel H. Jack-pastor, the Rev. Mr. J. W. Neal, sang at the house, "There is a Land of Pure Delight." Prayer was offered by Deacon P. J. Taylor. The body was then dismissed from the home and services were continued at the church of which she was a member. The Rev. Mr. Neal was at his best and he preached a great funeral sermon. There were hundreds of people present and the church was packed to its capacity, and as the pastor spoke of this noble life of character that was spent in usefulness and service for those who were hungry and she fed them or in distress how quickly she gave relief, etc., the audience almost in one accord would sanction and proclaim his words as truth.

On Thursday night just before she died she prayed that the Lord would come and receive her soul and just a few minutes after her prayer the death angel came and wafted her spirit to the city beyond. Dr. R. S. Wilkinson, of the State College of Orangeburg along with Prof. Daniels and other professors of the above named school were present. Dr. Wilkinson was called on to say a few words, but as he was not feeling well, Prof. Daniels spoke in his stead, which words were very, very appropriate for the occasion. She left one daughter, Mrs. Marion Dickson of Hopkins, S. C., two (2) grand children and other near relatives and numbers of friends who mourn her loss.

Joel H. Jackson, Reporter.

The Second Annual Convention of the Colored Church Schools of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina.

The Second Annual Convention of the Colored Church schools of the Diocese of Upper South Carolina was held at St. Luke's church, Newberry, on Thursday, last, Bishop Finlay, presiding. It was the general opinion of all who were present that that was the most helpful meeting among the colored church people that has been held since the formation of the new diocese. Among the visitors present were the Rev. E. N. Joyner, one-time archdeacon of the colored work in the Diocese of South Carolina, the Rev. Dr. S.

J. Derrick, president of Newberry College, the Rev. J. E. Baten, D. D., Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church and the Rev. G. T. Dillard, D. D., Pastor of the Presbyterian church. Dr. Derrick, who was one of the speakers at the morning session, delivered a most eloquent, instructive and inspiring address on the subject: "The Relation of Property Ownership to Character," showing in clear, pointed and convincing manner how ownership of property promotes self-respect, steadiness of purpose, true patriotism, elevated family life and the establishment of permanent religious institutions. This masterly and helpful address so stirred the convention as to call forth a sort of experience meeting on the part of the delegates, and it is confidently felt that practical results will follow from it in the form of a greater percentage of owners of their homes among our people.

The program for the afternoon and evening sessions was as follows:

AFTERNOON SESSION.

2:30 p. m.—Paper: "What Advantage Has the Parochial School over the Public school?" Miss Mamie Massey.

Ten minutes discussion. 3:00 p. m.—"What Sort of a School would my school be if Everybody in it was just like me?" Mrs. F. S. Simpkins, Mrs. Ethel Martin.

3:20 p. m.—General discussion

3:30 p. m.—Address: "Looking Backward"—Rev. E. N.

Joyner. 4:00 p. m.—Address: "Looking Forward"—Archdeacon Elliott. 4:30 p. m.—Address: "When is a Teacher Not a Teacher?"—Rev. T. T. Pollard. 4:45 p. m.—Address: "The Church's Opportunity in the Piedmont Section"—The Rev. A. St. J. Simpkins. 5:00 p. m.—Recess.

EVENING SESSION.

8:30 p. m.—Evening service. Hymn.

Invocation and Scripture Lesson The Rev. J. A. Baten, D. D., Pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church, Newberry, S. C.

Creed and Prayers—Archdeacon J. B. Elliott. Address: "The Social Gospel"—The Rev. L. N. Taylor, Rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Columbia, S. C.

Address: "Character the Finished Product of the Church"—The Rev. G. T. Dillard, D. D., Pastor of the Presbyterian church, Newberry, S. C.

Presentation of Easter offering by delegates.

Offertory.

Closing remarks and benediction by the Bishop.

The offering was \$128.00, \$1 more than the total aimed at, with one school yet to report.

The Convention expressed its hearty thanks and appreciation for the generous hospitality so pleasantly shown the delegates by the members of St. Luke's Mission.

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