

THE "OLD GRAY" AND THE NEW RIDER

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Too Much Whining and Complaining

It appears that divine favors and heavenly benedictions have been entirely dispensed with in the world today. Everywhere you go and on every side you turn whining and complaining are all that you can hear.

In the world today on the part of churches and christian people. Because of this the church is looked upon as an affliction, and becoming a christian as becoming a prisoner.

Columbia Mourns With The Lewie's

It is almost universally acknowledged that the race has never lost a more serviceable woman than Mrs. Eunice Lewie. Those who possibly disagreed with her in business and opinion, will be honest enough to admit that a great woman has fallen.

Bethel, Georgetown Out Of Place

In our briefs of the Palmetto Conference the above church was given fifth place in that conference. Many from Georgetown and other places have inquired of us concerning this.

A Faithful Woman At Rest

Sister Nina Baten, wife of the Rev. J. H. Baten of the Winnsboro District, departed this life on the second day of January and was funeralized on Friday afternoon, Jan. 3rd at White Hall.

Our Whereabouts

On last Sunday we were with the Rev. A. R. Baten on the Blythebrook Circuit. We found the pastor on the scene surrounded by such loyal workers as Bro. J. R. Bossard, Sisters Winnie Johnson, Carrie Millegan, Lizzie Trapp and others.

Greenwood News

Miss Lela M. Johnson of Morris College and Mr. and Mrs. James L. Douglas of Sumter spent the holidays with their parents, Deacon and Mrs. C. J. Johnson.

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At 7:45 p. m., the church was nearly filled to hear the pastor's sermon on "The Mysteries of a True God."

ton Johnson, Mrs. Dinah McMillan, Mrs. Lula Boozer, Mrs. Lula Williams, Sr., Mr. John H. Evans, Mr. J. W. Woodson, Mr. James Evans are the sick members. All of whom are getting along nicely.

Mt. Pisgah

We were graced with the presence of several distinguished visitors Sunday morning. Among those who worshipped with us were President D. H. Sims and wife, Prof. Murphy of Allen University, Miss Cora Williams of Georgetown, Miss Gladys Steward of New York City; Miss Sarah Nance teacher of Sebeca Junior College; Miss Alice Ballard, teacher of Edgefield Graded School; Mr. Tarrant of Washington, D. C.; and Rev. J. W. Douglas all of whom expressed themselves as having enjoyed the sermon preached by the pastor, Rev. W. M. Thompson, subject "Cold Feet Christians."

Miss Irene Butler, now residing in Columbia and teaching in Lexington spent the week with Miss Annie Belle Smith.

The ministers of the Greenwood District met in Council at Mt. Pisgah Church Monday, Dec. 30. Mr. Josephus Gary and P. S. Mosely are still on the sick list. Mr. Mosely is much improved.

Bro. T. R. Gray, Superintendent of Mt. Pisgah S. S. for many years, passed to the great beyond, Dec. 19 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Julia Williams on Maxwell Avenue. The funeral services were held in Mt. Pisgah Church, Rev. W. M. Thompson officiating.

The services Sunday, Jan. 5, were very impressive. Rev. Thompson preached two forceful and instructive sermons. Morning subject: "A New Year's Resolve." Evening subject: "Jesus in the Clouds of Life." Both were good.

GREENVILLE NEWS

Mrs. Bell Thompson, 109 Chicora Avenue has returned to the city after spending a few days of the Yuletide season in Gastonia, N. C. with her brother, Mr. Franklin Johnson, before her return she also visited Mr. Roland Johnson of Spartanburg, another brother.

Miss Rose Elligan teacher at Union School returned to her duties after spending a pleasant stay with relatives and friends in Atlanta, Ga.

Miss Minnesota Garrison of Booker Washington Hi School, Columbia, was a visitor in the city; she has returned to the Capitol after enjoying many of the Yuletide festivities.

Miss Lillian Norther, R. N., of the Waveley Hospital, Columbia, was one of the many Yuletide visitors to our city.

Mrs. Bessie Mae Valentine and son W. G. Jr., visited Atlanta, Ga., last week and had a very pleasant stay. They returned to the city Sunday.

The Emancipation celebration was largely attended. Many outstanding men and women of Greenville, spoke, read, or addressed the gathering. Prof. J. A. Tolbert acted as Master of ceremonies, and his new item to the program "Hot Shots" was well received.

Mrs. Rosa Johnson Murray and her sister Miss Julia Johnson have returned from Columbia where they went to spend the Christmas holidays both have taken charge of their classes at Sullivan Street School.

Mr. W. C. Demmons of the N. C. Mutual Life Insurance Co., was a visitor to the city during the holidays he has returned to Wilmington, N. C.

During the holidays Prof. W. C. Peyton of Johnson C. Smith University visited. Miss Robinson at the home of Mrs. Ethel Demmons, 204 John Street.

WILLISTON NEWS

The faculty of the Williston Colored School and the community of Williston wish the Palmetto Leader and its readers a happy New Year. We are hoping that the subscribers this year will be greater than ever before.

One of the outstanding features of the New Year is a play, "Midnight Rose" given in 3 acts, staged by members of the faculty and a selected group of the community under the direction of Mr. W. F. Hickson of Dunbarton, S. C., Jan. 21, 1930, at 8:00 p. m.

Characters "Jim Sheenan" (A solitaire king, a taxi driver), "Moll Cripps" (Bill's wife) - Letha Peoples, "Tillie Cripps" (Their daughter, a maid) - Rosa A. Hickson, "Nan Cripps" (known as "Miss Mor-

gan," a society entertainer) Gwendolyn L. Fells, "Tom" (Kid Glove McGerty) Barie Swalls, Larry Donovan (alias Charlie the Dude) William F. Hickson, "Ennis Van Dyne" (a millionaire) Joe L. Kelly, Jr., "Miss Henrietta Van Dyne" (his sister) - Mamie Berry, "Burke" (a plain clothes man) - Jeremiah Bunyan, "Casey Jones" (A policeman) Isadore Blocker. We hope to have a packed house.

Charleston News

Dr. E. G. Trigg and Mr. W. H. Hamilton of Virginia State College, Petersburg, Va., were guests of Mrs. C. G. Fraser, 73 Cannon Street during the holidays. Dr. Trigg and Mr. Hamilton left the city Monday for Raleigh where they stopped with Dr. Trigg's brother, who is superispor of High Schools in N. C.

Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Ivey of Dayton Ohio, and Miss Emily Fraser, a junior at Virginia State College, spent the holidays with their mother, Mrs. C. G. Fraser.

Cupid's dart has pierced another heart. We are glad to hear of the engagement of Miss Mildred Bryan to Mr. Harry Harr.

Prof. Harris of Virginia State College, with Dr. Thomas and Mr. Proctor Jordan of Camden, motored to Charleston for one day Christmas.

The Carnation Club's annual Christmas Dance, an affair which is looked forward to with much enthusiasm by Charleston's young society, was a most brilliant occasion. The hall was magnificently decorated with moss, holly and Christmas berries, while in the center stood a large Christmas tree decorated with moss and shiny Christmas ornaments.

The mightiest stabilizing force in all civilization is religion and the christian religion is the most potent of all. The church and its by-products constitute the flower of advancing civilization. It affords protection, gives impetus and enthusiasm for living better. Above all it gives a hope beyond the terrestrial shadows.

The first Sunday in the New Year was a "Red Letter" Day at Emanuel. Those who were present will never forget the 52nd chapter of Isaiah, as it was preached and explained by our pastor. That sermon will linger in our memory. We can truly say "Did not our hearts burn while he spoke to us by the way."

Sunday evening the Rev. Flood preached for us and that sermon was a continuation of the hallowed fire started in the morning.

We have started out with new zeal to put the great program over for our Lord and Master.

The pastor has started the Bible Class; this class meets every Sunday morning 10:15.

Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church

There are stages in life when an opportunity is presented to all mankind that he may establish his going, his aim and his ability, and so often we have the chance to grasp these opportunities and mount the ladder of fame, but it is discoursed only that one who is always thinking of the necessary achievement of life and possesses that watchful eye of faith, it is he who makes good of these moments in life.

On Sunday afternoon, January 5, 1930, at Ebenezer A. M. E. Church, Rev. R. S. Lawrence, pastor, the above statement was upheld by one who possesses the watchful eye of faith, and one who realizes that his program of life must be constructive; and is successfully placing his stand before the world in the person of Rev. James W. Witherspoon, pastor of Mt. Zion Church, who was selected by the ministers Union of Charleston, to preach the Union sermon, according to their custom. And it was this very impressive occasion or service, when Rev. Witherspoon made good this glorious chance. He has presented to that vast audience, a message that will live in the heart of every person present forever. He has proven to the world that he is an humble servant of God, he also has demonstrated the ability of a theologian, a pulpit orator, and man that is full of the Holy Spirit, and that great message that was so wonderfully delivered was taken from the third Book of Joshua, fourth verse. His theme was "And they had not yet passed this way"

And from this very interesting subject, he talked until he had reached the uppermost round of that gospel ladder, from there he stood out before the world as an enlisted soldier of heaven and he is now known in Charleston as a man of God.

The ministers' Union was well represented; pastors of every A. M. E. church of this city was present and a more splendid program could not have been had; and we can not fail to commend Rev. R. S. Lawrence and his loyal group of officers and members for entertaining the Ministers Union and that wonderful high order of service rendered by Ebenezer.

Rev. J. S. Morant, who introduced the speaker and explained the reason and routine of the Union service, every year, it was very timely.

Our group rally has already swung into action and the first grand affair will be a wonderful drama, "A Dream of Queen Esther" in three acts, at Mt. Zion A. M. E. Church, Jan. 14, 1930 for the benefit of group club No. 3. Mrs. J. E. Horry captain. This grand play is being directed by Mrs. E. L. Gough, Mrs. J. Broughton pianist. Admission 35 cents.

Don't fail to witness this very excellent Drama. It is very highly written.

It was a high day at Zion on last Sunday. The services were very impressive all day. We are still having our large numbers of visitors. At our evening service we were pleased to have worship with us Mrs. May Steplight and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Mickey. We always welcome you.

The Presidential Contest proved to be a great success to the stewardess board No. 1, and they have shown from early returns nearly \$100.00. We congratulate sister Percilla Brown and her loyal members of Board No. 1.

The Sunday School teachers and scholars enjoyed themselves immensely on last Friday night by giving and receiving. So many lovely gifts, all expressed great time of it.

Mt. Zion rejoices to see her strong choir has gotten still stronger. They are blessed with another strong soprano voice, and it is the voice of Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon. We cheer her with that excellent voice she possesses.

The Emancipation address was delivered by Rev. Dr. White of Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. White is one of our strong prepared ministers of the gospel. He held his audience spell bound during his very excellent discourse. He is making history for his race.

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Morris Brown A. M. E. Church News

Although under the weather, our pastor preached an effective sermon Sunday from Heb. 12:1-2. Subject: "Christian Race." This being the first Sunday in the year, the Holy Communion was administered. The services were very impressive. Surely Rev. Benbow forgot his feeling after he got started. Six persons united with church.

Sunday School was largely attended. The S. S. rally was postponed for a later date on account of the Union service of the A. M. E. Churches, held at Ebenezer Church.

The funeral service of sister Maggie Campbell (deaconess) was held after the morning service. Sister Campbell was a faithful member of our church. Her relatives and friends have the sympathy of the pastor and congregation.

We are planning a church rally on the third and fourth Sunday respectively. Third Sunday will be Men's Day all day. No ladies officiating at any of the services. Fourth Sunday will be Women's Day. Come out and hear our (unlicensed) woman preacher of Andrews, who came home to up and take notice.

The first meeting of the Boosters' Club was held Tuesday night at the church. A large crowd was out and the plans for the future are promising.

Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Witherspoon had as their dinner guest during the holidays Miss Ermine Champy, teacher of Andrews, who came home to spend the Yuletide with parents, and Mrs. F. C. Greenwood an old friend of the Witherspoons.

The Coleridge-Taylor Glee Club will sing at Summerville, the morning service, at the A. M. E. Church of which Rev. Sandy Simmons is pastor.

The evening services were well attended, Rev. Benbow preached an excellent sermon. Quite a few visitors worshipped with us.

Come out and enjoy the program of the Trustees Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock. Help our baby win.

For Better Shoe Rebuilding - Call - MARTIN'S BEST SERVICE BEST QUALITY. The Emancipation address was delivered by Rev. Dr. White of Memorial Baptist Church. Dr. White is one of our strong prepared ministers of the gospel. He held his audience spell bound during his very excellent discourse. He is making history for his race. Ionic Lodge K. of P. attempted to show that fraternal spirit to the letter, being our first meeting in the New Year. The officers and members found that it would be quite befitting, to have its members enjoy a New Year feast, together and this was given and we feel that it is constructive in the promotion of fraternalism. Phone to Shoe Plant - - 7703 Work Called For And Delivered 1111 Hampton St. - - Columbia

What is to become of the NEGRO? George B. Schuyler Will tell you what he thinks about it in a LECTURE At Allen University January 19 4:00 P. M. Under the auspices of the Parent Teacher Association of Waterley School. A rare opportunity to hear this noted thinker, writer, columnist for the "Pittsburgh Courier" on his second transcontinental lecture tour. ADMISSION 15 and 25 cents

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