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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Annual Sunday Rally. Car Load Tobacco Shipped, Mrs. Walker and Mrs. Ouzts Entertain.

Sunday, Sept. 12, was the Annual Rally Day at the Baptist church, and the day was a great one, the Sunday School beginning with 358 present. Since the organization of this church, its members have always been earnest, loyal supporters in both attendance and gifts, and this annual day but marked another milestone in its many years of work for the master.

After Sunday school all gathered in the auditorium, and after the preliminary service with special music, the church roll was called by clerk J. L. Walker, and a report of the work of the church for the year was given, which was a wonderful one, the campaign aiding this.

The sermon by Dr. C. J. Thompson which was most appropriate, and was a fine and scholarly one.

Acting Postmaster, J. H. Payne, has received notice from the Post Office Department, Washington, that he may close the Post office at Johnston, at 5 o'clock instead of 6 o'clock, as heretofore as the hours are too long.

The following are hours observed: 7: A. M. to 5: P. M.

Returning at 7:30 to meet the South bound train.

The Womans' Missionary Society of the Baptist church has about sufficient funds on hand to purchase the dining room furniture for the new Baptist school near Speigner's, that has been adopted by the Ridge association. Rev. Posey is in charge of this school, which is in a community where such was in great need.

The tobacco product, at date, is very gratifying, this being the shipping point of the vicinity. Three car loads, of 30,000 pounds of the leaf has been shipped.

Mrs. David Philips, of Springfield, is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Waters.

The recent meeting of the W.C.T.U. held with Mrs. J. A. Lott concerned chiefly, the coming state convention, to be held here Sunday, Oct. 3, to 5. All committees to facilitate the work of the entertaining union were ready with reports, and the hospitality committee is still busy. The delegates are expected to arrive on Saturday evening's trains. The convention will be held at the Baptist church. On Monday and Tuesday lunch will be served here for all delegates and W. C. T. U. members.

Guests this week of Mrs. Joseph Cox are her sister, Mrs. Hammes of Jonesville, and Miss Routt. On Wednesday these with Mrs. John Wright, went over to Batesburg to attend the Methodist Conference.

Mrs. Jessie Rushton has gone to Clio to teach and Miss Eva Rushton leaves in a few days to resume charge of her same school duties.

Mrs. Gall and family have gone to Leesville to join Mr. Gall, who is cashier of the local bank.

Miss Leone Gall has entered Winthrop college.

Miss Annie Crouch attended the weddings of her two class mates at Bennettsville, recently, acting as a bride's maid. These two brides were Miss Annie Mowry and Miss Annie Carroll.

Mesdames, J. M. Turner and B. T. Adams are at home from a visit to their sister, Mrs. Sallie Stanfield, at Aiken.

An occasion that was of great pleasure to everyone present was that of Thursday afternoon when Mrs. J. Howard Payne and Mrs. Earl Smith jointly entertained, this being in the home of the latter.

The rooms were fragrant with baskets of flowers, and here and there on the large piazza twenty tables for Rook were arranged. After cordial greetings, and receiving a place card, an animated game ensued; music being enjoyed during the time.

Pink and white block cream was served, with pound cake.

Messrs. Philomon Waters, Samuel Watson and Jacob Smith will leave this week for Bailey Military Institute.

Miss Annie Stokes left on Friday to take charge of a school in the upper part of the state.

The friends of Mrs. M. E. Norris are delighted to see her out again after a two weeks prostration from a severe fall which she received.

Mrs. Harry Hamilton, whom everyone so pleasantly remembers as Miss Lucile Mobley, was operated on last Thursday, at University Hospital, University, Va. for goitre.

The news comes that she is doing well following this. Her mother, Mrs. Ann Mobley has been with her most of the Summer.

Mrs. Calhoun Kammer entertained the young matrons club in a very happy manner on Friday afternoon, and her home was artistically decorated in golden rods.

Two tables of Rook were arranged, and the members and visitors all enjoyed this. Chocolate and white block cream and cake were served.

On Saturday afternoon, Mesdames J. L. Walker and Wilmot Ouzts entertained about forty of their friends in a charming manner, in the home of the former.

As the guests arrived they were refreshed with punch served by Misses Bettie Waters and Marie Lewis.

On the Rook tables were bon dishes of chocolate to enjoy during the game.

After a pleasant game, a variety of sandwiches and iced tea were served.

Mrs. W. E. LaGrone entertained with a bridge party on Friday morning in compliment to Mrs. Glenn Ison, of Spartanburg, and following the game an elaborate luncheon was served. The guest prize was a box of chocolates.

Mrs. G. D. Walker was hostess for the Pi Tau Club on Wednesday afternoon, there being several guests, with the members.

After music and conversation all enjoyed a game of Rook.

The hostess, assisted by Mrs. Mims Walker and Miss Orlena Cartledge served a tempting salad course.

Mr. George Hubbard, a former resident, has purchased a home in Augusta and is now residing there.

Miss Crawford will spend the winter months in the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Boatwright, and will act in the capacity of governess.

Report of Meeting of Music Club.

Mrs. H. C. Mitchell was hostess for an unusually interesting meeting of the Philharmonic Club for September.

After the business was dispensed with, Miss Elizabeth Rainsford took charge of the musical program, which was taken from the music of olden days. Mrs. Madison Tucker sang very beautifully "The Shrine" which every one enjoyed. Miss Elizabeth Smith who is an accomplished pianist played a lovely piano solo. Mrs. J. L. Mims and Mrs. Tillman played a piano duet which was followed by "The Sweetest Story Ever Told" by Miss Rainsford.

Mrs. H. C. Mitchell who is a favorite pianist in the club played "Alice, Where Art Thou?" with her usual skill and beautiful touch.

After the program the hostess arranged an interesting contest, the name of the composer Rubenstein being used to make as many words as possible from Mrs. Mamie Tillman the President, was awarded the prize, a box of correspondence cards.

Mrs. Madison Tucker was welcomed into the club, while Misses Hortense Woodson, Beaufort Reynolds, Harriet Holmes, Gladys Rives, and Mrs. Baker were visitors.

The hostess served a delightful salad course and iced tea, assisted by Miss Snow Jeffries and Elizabeth Smith.

Resolutions On Sabbath Breaking.

Be it resolved: That we, the members of the Mizpah Bible Class of Johnston Methodist church, wish to put ourselves on record as being opposed to Sunday amusements, such as airplane exhibits, baseball, bathing and any questionable amusements.

Furthermore we wish to ask our County and town to do all in their power to prevent any such Sabbath breaking.

Miss Rachel Scott,
Miss Eva Rushton,
Miss Sue Smith,
Mrs. H. S. Toney,
Committee.

Miss Florence Mims Writes From Minnesota.

Dear Advertiser:

Sunday the twenty ninth, the first time in six weeks, Aurora was favored with a rain. I concluded that the teachers brought the good luck. One remembered that her first Sunday in every new town was a rainy day. Here nearly all streets are paved, so that one does not have to contend with mud.

True to my life long custom I started to Sunday school in the morning, got even so far as the Methodist church door and found it locked. Later I learned that there is only one service during the day and that it is in the evening.

The town has two churches, a Methodist and a Catholic.

I remind myself of the type of man often used in illustrations. He goes from his office to his home and back again, living within the boundary of one straight line. However my life is a little more complicated, a four cornered affair, from the school to the post office and from there to my room and my boarding place. At the first place I get learning or rather dispense it, at the next I get mail, whose price is above rubies, and at the latter two, rest and food.

But to continue my diary of a day, we lunch at noon, sup at six and breakfast just as late as we dare, of course.

In the afternoon we stroll, for both the scenery and the company are good. This bracing air gives us appetites that are a menace to "Hooverish" teachings.

The five of our faculty who live together, and I call the five the gang not because they have the gang spirit, but rather the gang habit attended a church service in Aurora for the first time Sunday night. This was at seven, thirty an hour earlier than I have been accustomed to. The church was small, but congregation smaller. I like big churches even if there is little likelihood of their being filled, for it seems to offer a more extensive welcome and everyone is at all times sure of a seat. It is the same principle, it seems to me as that of hitching your wagon to a star. Make your ideals high, though you know you will fall below them. Make them low and you may fall even correspondingly below that. Build big places of worship and that will inspire the people to attend and inspire you to go then. Though I would rather hear an excellent sermon in a small church than vice versa. This is what we heard, an excellent address by a man we said that he preferred not to stand behind a pulpit, but out nearer the audience where he felt freer. His subject was power. Among other things he made the remark that the world is filled with potential power; what we need is, not more of it but a better way of handling it—what we possess as individuals and what we find in the outside world in the vast resources of nature. It is a better thing to spend a day in town and get an idea, than to spend a week and get a great many more things that I could think of.

Florence Mims.

Lovely Dinner Party.

Mrs. W. C. DeLoach was hostess last week at a delightful dinner for some of her friends, on her seventy fourth birthday. Those present were: Mrs. W. B. Cogburn, Mrs. Mary Norris, Mrs. Kate Cheatham, Mrs. Pamela Holland, Mrs. Kate Mims, Mrs. Barnwell Jones and Mrs. Morrall. The whole day was spent in pleasant conversation and exchange of reminiscences, and at the noontide hour a magnificent dinner was served. All who attended have been speaking of the occasion ever since in most glowing terms, and wish Mrs. DeLoach many happy returns of the day.

Lest You Forget.

Let me remind you that Chamberlain's Tablets not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels but improve the appetite and strengthen the digestion.

For Sale: Nine Duroc pigs three and a half months old, two young mules, one four year old and one coming three, both home raised.

L. R. Brunson, Sr.
Cleora, S. C.

It Was the Death Struggle When Grant Confronted Lee On the Rapidan.

It is not that I wish to worry the bloody theft, that I am writing this article but simply to prove some history by facts and by experience.

Grant was put in command of the army on the Potomac and crossed the Rapidan May 4, 1864. While I was at St. Petersburg I found that all the Federals look upon Grant as the most brilliant General of his day, and I shall prove that he was not. Yes, the most of those one-headed Yankees believe that Lee was one of the most brilliant Generals, since Washington. Grant was not a great commander, but he was a man of clear brain. He saw that brute force alone could shatter the Army of Northern Virginia, and had the courage to adopt that plan. We will come back to the events of the Rapidan; Grant crossed the Rapidan on the 4th of May 1864, with what resembled a countless host: heavy masses of blue infantry with glittering bayonets; huge ranks of rifled artillery with surrounding cannoniers, and long columns of horsemen armed with saber and repeating carbines, that made the very earth shake and woods echo with their heavy tramp, mingled with the rolls of wheels.

In front of this countless host stood a little army of gaunt and ragged men looking on and waiting without resenting their advance. Did they intend to dispute the passage of that great multitude toward Richmond? That was exactly their intention. General Lee had 62,000 of as good fighters as the world ever saw. General Grant had 200,000. General Lee was ready for the great collision. The sixty thousand were going to order the two hundred thousand to halt. As Grant began to move through the wilderness, General Lee struck at him. Grant had no thought of a collision in the wilderness, but Lee's great mind computed with the matter. He knew that Grant could not use his artillery and cavalry as he could in the open. On the Morning of May the 5th these two tigers were watching each other in this tangle both ready to spring. General Lee advanced and delivered battle. It was his aim to shut up Grant in the wilderness and drive him back beyond the Rapidan or destroy him. It was early in the day when these two tigers grappled with each other and the struggle was long and desperate. We have General Lee's testimony to the fact that the Federal attempts to drive back General Hill were repeated and desperate. All failed and Hill stubbornly held the ground. At night the enemy withdrew the fighting for the day was over. The two tigers had drawn back and crouched down, bleeding and panting heavily, gathering new strength for the fiercer conflict the next day.

But the gray and blue forms that lay in the bushes did not move.

This was Grant's first strike at Lee. It was not until the Federal army was at the very door of Richmond in 1862 when General Lee took command of the army of northern Virginia, when he outwitted McClellan and whipped two armies much larger than his own, stopped their advance, drove back the Federal armies, saved Richmond and saw such generalship. Grant was the was famous in a day. The world never seventh General that Washington fitted against Lee with the finest army of veterans the world ever saw. Even then Lee fought probably as no other general ever fought, and against odds that would have driven Napoleon to weep. Therefore I say Grant was not a great general. Had he been put in command of the Federal army at any time from 1861 to 1863 he would have been laid on the shelf with Scott, McDowell, McClellan, Burnside, Hooker, and Mead. But in this death struggle General Lee kept together that thin gray line of ragged hungry men growing thinner and more hungry each day. His courage, his wonderful presence and strong personality kept them in battle array, fighting to the last ditch.

On the morning of the 6th of May, second day, was ushered in with thunder.

The second day was more terrible than the first. The gray lines surged forward: the thicket was full of smoke and quick flashes of flame. The woods took fire from the guns and the clouds of smoke blinded the combatant. At nightfall Lee's men had driven the enemy from their front line but nothing gained. Ten thousand dead and wounded added gloom and horror to the wilderness that shocked the eye and sickened the heart. Grant saw his danger and there was but one thing for him to do, and that was to get out of the wilderness.

Now Mr. Editor, I am going to prove some history.

In two years, nine months, and nine days (1,000 days from June 1, 1862 until April 9, 1865 General R. E. Lee fought seven great campaigns against six picked generals.

At its greatest his army numbered less than 85,000 men poorly equipped, badly supplied with food and clothing, yet in one thousand days it put horsed combat more than 262,000 Federals. The official records in Washington show that with a deduction of 2,000 from the casualties of the campaign before June the first the killed, wounded, and missing were as follows: against McClellan before Richmond, June first 1862 to August 8, 1862, the Federal loss was 22,448. Against Pope before Washington, June 26, 1862 to September 2, 1862, the loss was 16,955. Against McClellan in Maryland September 3, 1862 to November 14, 1862 the loss was 28,577. Against Burnside before Fredericksburg Nov. 15, 1862 to January 25, 1863 the loss was 13,214. Against Hooker on the Rappahannock, January 26, 1862 to June 27, 1862 the loss was 25,027. Against Meade on Pennsylvania June 28, 1864 the loss was 31,530. Against Grant before Richmond May 4, 1864 to April 9, 1865, the loss was 124,390. In one thousand days Lee put out of action more than three of our army at maximum. In the campaign above mentioned, the Federal casualties were double the losses inflicted by the Duke of Wellington in all of his battles in India, Spain and at Waterloo. The killed and wounded among the Japanese at Port Arthur were less than those of Grant in his campaign. Scarcely in the history of Napoleon's twenty years can the record of such fighting as was done by Lee's army be paralleled. The total number of confederates paralleled at Appomattox April 9, 1865 was: officers 2,865, men 25,494, total 28,356. Of troops surrendered only about 20,000 had arms. Grant was facing Lee eleven months with about 160,000 men and the world to draw from besides and did not know how to outfight Lee with his little band, the best fighters the world ever saw. But Grant did know how to apply brute force. From the wilderness to Petersburg Lee's army destroyed 60,000 Federals. Grant faced Lee at Petersburg for nine months with all the men and means at his command, but he never made an assault on Lee's lines, but he had the brute force about him to spring a mine.

In my next I will tell about the springing of the mine at Petersburg. J. Russell Wright.

News From Cleora—Tribute to Mr. Williams.

The boll weevil is playing havoc with the cotton crop in this section. Having destroyed all squares it is now ruining the small bolls, I don't think it is possible to make over a half crop, and late cotton won't make that. But we are fortunate to have good corn crops. I don't think I have ever seen them better.

In the death of Mr. C. M. Williams this community lost one of its best citizens. Edgefield county never had a more patriotic citizen. Whenever any movement was started for the benefit of the county or community he could always be counted on to do his full duty. In raising funds for the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Salvation Army or any other good cause during the war we never had to solicit a contribution from him. As soon as he found who was collecting he brought or sent his, never had to ask him for it. Only a few days before his death when confined to his bed he sent \$1.00 to the committee collecting for our national campaign fund. He always considered it a privilege to help in any worthy, political or benevolent cause. Mr. Williams was always ready to do all he could for anything that was for the upbuilding of his community and he will be missed by the whole county.

Miss Ellie Mims is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. L. R. Brunson.

Mr. Jim Gilchrist was visited by the stork last week and presented with a fine girl baby.

Mr. A. B. Holmes is spending his vacation on his farm near here.

The people of this section spent last week and the week before working the public roads and put them in passable condition for the first time in about four years, and if the people below Mr. Massingale's would work the road from Mr. Turner's to the Hill place, as we have this end, we would have a good road from Edgefield to Moultrie's mill. This was done at no expense to the county.

We are still without teachers for the Brunson school.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi Quarles have returned from the Hot Springs in Arkansas where they went a month ago for Mrs. Quarles' health. She was improved by the treatment. She has been a great sufferer for a year with Rheumatism.

Uncle Iv. Morgan did not meet us at the association.

Subscriber.

Congaree Presbyterian Institute to be Held at Trenton September 28th.

On Friday the 10th of September a representative body of women of the Presbyterian churches in Aiken and Edgefield Counties met in Aiken and organized an Institute for these two counties combined. The first meeting will be held in Trenton in the Presbyterian church. There will be an interesting program both morning and afternoon with a basket lunch on the grounds during the hours between one and three. Two of the best speakers available will be secured, and they will be glad to have the men of the church attend to hear these and to enjoy with them the social get-together hours.

Every Presbyterian woman in both counties is especially invited to be present and bring along with them any question bearing on the Presbyterian work.

The Presbyterians of Trenton most heartily endorse the Institute and shall do everything within their power to welcome the visiting members.

Fitzmaurice Boling Marriage.

The following wedding announcement will be of great interest to friends in Edgefield where Miss Mary Ethel Fitzmaurice has been a frequent visitor in the home of her sister Mrs. James S. Byrd. Dr. Boling is one of Columbia's leading physicians.

Mr. and Mrs. John Fitzmaurice announce the marriage of their daughter Mary Ethel to Dr. John Radford Boling on Wednesday, September the eighth one thousand nine hundred and twenty at Columbia South Carolina.

Wanted: Lumber hauled from Meeting Street. Price paid \$7.00 per thousand. See B. L. Miims at Edgefield. A. H. Forrester & Co.