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JOHNSTON LETTER.

Baptist Pastor Resigns. W. C. C. U. Met. Will Publish School Paper. Two Ball Games.

On Sunday morning Rev. W. S. Brooke tendered his resignation as pastor, this coming as a great surprise to most of the members. Last Wednesday evening, after prayer meeting he called for a meeting of the Board of Deacons and made his intention known to them, this being the first intimation the church had of his accepting another field of labor. Mr. Brooke has accepted a call to the Lake City Baptist church, and he asked that the church permit him to leave by the last of November. The resignation was accepted with much regret, although there were discussions as to whether Mr. Brooke could be prevailed upon to remain, it being hoped that he could continue as pastor until the 75 Million Campaign was completed. Resolutions of regret upon his departure, and commending him to the church of Lake City were read, coming from the Board of Deacons, by Mr. S. J. Watson. H. W. Dobey, acting as moderator, appointed a committee to begin at once, to secure a pastor, this committee being Mr. S. J. Watson, Mr. J. C. Lewis, and Rev. James Edwards. Rev. Brooke has been pastor here for about six years and not only in this church, but in the community has been a force for great good. He has labored faithfully, and has done a great work, and it is not only his own flock that is saddened over his leaving them, but every one that knew him and his estimable family, regrets their going. The prayers of every one will follow them wherever they go.

The last meeting of the music club was held with Mrs. Joe Cox, and during business it was decided to give \$5 toward the Women's building, to be erected at the Fair grounds. A letter was read from the District Vice President, Mrs. Patterson, stating that the state president Mrs. Adam Moss, and herself would visit the clubs of western district the week beginning November 20, and asked for a convenient date. It was decided that the clubs of the town could join in and have a public meeting, thus giving any interested the pleasure of hearing these club women speak a club endeavors. The musical program was led by Mrs. M. T. Turner, the study this year being musical forms. Piano numbers were by Mrs. O. D. Black, Miss Veda Barr, Miss Frances Turner and Miss Annie Holmes Harrison. Voice, Mrs. Kellar and Miss Dessie Dean. After the program all enjoyed hot coffee and a variety of sandwiches.

The W. C. T. U. met on Friday with Mrs. Joe Wright, and a very profitable meeting was had, Mrs. T. R. Denny presiding. The chief business was in plans for the reception by the union to the teachers of the high school. It was decided to have this on Friday afternoon, October 27th, and a committee was appointed to make all arrangements.

The delegates elected to the state convention were all urged to go, as the meeting promised to be a great one. The report to be carried was a good one, as read. The program on Sabbath observance was carried out and all were impressed with the thought that we must "remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy."

The Johnston High School will begin their paper, and the first edition will appear next week. The paper will be called "Purple and Gold," colors of the school this year, and will be published the last week in each month. The subscription price is 50 cents for the 8 months. The young women are to solicit subscriptions and the young gentlemen are to secure advertisements from the merchants and others. The paper will be eight pages. Cecil Scott will be editor-in-chief and he has a splendid force, who will aid with news from each department in the school, about town and otherwise. These are Austin McCreight, Albert Dozier, Davis Lewis, John Howard Black, Robert Crouch, William Crouch, W. H. Glover, Jr., Wheeler Rhoden and

Misses Marion Turner, Ella Fannie Mobley and Mary Mitchell.

The local foot ball team played the Ninety Six team on Friday afternoon and a lively game was had, the score resulting in 23 to 6 in favor of Johnston. After this game the basket ball teams of these two towns had a spirited game, the honors this time going to Ninety Six. The band from the Piedmont section that is out advertising, was present and the bright music added to the occasion.

Mr. and Mrs. George Burch and little boy of Florence have been guests of relatives here and nearby town.

Mr. Watson Nickerson of Atlanta is here for a visit to his wife and mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Capp have been guests in the home of Mrs. Annie B. Harrison. They were with Mrs. Cullum, Mrs. Harrison's daughter, during her three years' stay at Asheville, and their visit here was chiefly to see Mrs. Cullum.

Mrs. Virginia Price is at home from a visit to the home of her son in Batesburg.

Miss Antoinette Denny spent the week end at Saluda and was present at the announcement party at the home of Mrs. W. S. Crouch, the engagement of her daughter, Miss Ruth Crouch, being the happy secret which was disclosed at this time.

Mrs. Nettie Jacobs is spending this winter in New York in the home of her son, Mr. Clarence Jacobs.

Miss Gladys Sawyer entertained the bridge club during the past week and her decorations were of Halloween. The tables held yellow pumpkins filled with candies and the score cards had the witches and goblins of this weird night. The top score was held by Mrs. W. E. LaGrone, who received a bowl of narcissi and Mrs. James Halford drew the visitor's prize, a set of cards, and Mrs. L. S. Maxwell was given the consolation. Hot tea with a variety of sandwiches, was served, the napkins being decorated in Halloween pumpkins and witches.

Those from here to attend the State W. C. T. U. meeting at Newberry this week, are Mrs. T. R. Denny, state recording secretary; Mrs. J. H. White and Miss Zena Payne, state superintendents of departments and delegates, Mrs. Haltiwanger and Mrs. Thomas Weideman.

The district Mason's meeting was held at Aiken last Friday night and there were 18 from here to attend. There were many matters of business to attend to and a fine address was heard. A banquet followed the meeting, to which, it is said, all did full justice.

The Literary Society of the high school had its monthly meeting on Friday and a debate was one of the features of the program. In turn, each pupil is on duty this way, which is very improving.

Mr. Frank Suber has gone to Jonesville to spend the winter in the home of his daughter.

Mrs. Walter Hendrix and Mr. Fred Hendrix of Leesville were visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Turner on Sunday.

Mr. Walker Mobley has gone to Rock Hill, having accepted a position there.

Mrs. Stan Sawyer has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Lila Sawyer to Mr. Anderson, of Columbia, the marriage to take place the last of November.

On Sunday morning Rev. W. S. Brooke urged the church members to bear in mind the meeting which will begin first Sunday in November. He will be assisted by Dr. Fuller of Greenwood, and a singer has been engaged to have charge of the singing.

A Spirited Contest.

A membership and attendance contest is being conducted by the members of the Baraca class of the Baptist Sunday school. The membership of the class is divided into two sides, the Reds and Blues, Miss Ruth Lyon being the captain of the Reds and Mr. E. C. Asbell the captain of the Blues. Sunday morning the two forces tied, each side having 45 present. As the days pass interest in the contest steadily grows.

Sermon by Rev. Arthur T. Allen.

"The Present Crisis."

"And who knoweth whether thou art come to the Kingdom for such a time as this?"—Esther 4:14.

The present crisis is always present. There is no such thing as a past or future crisis. The present crisis is the only one life has. The story of Esther illustrates the critical nature of every period of human history, for history itself is but the sum total of the deposits made by nations and generations to the life of the world. On the coast of Florida are beautiful coral reefs, thrown up and constructed through the process of the centuries. They stand there today as a silent monument to the successive generations of little coral creatures. One colony of these little animals comes forward, lives, makes its deposit of coral and dies. So one generation appears on the scene of action, makes its deposit of life and passes out. And if there is any exception to that rule, if we depart without leaving a deposit, then life is not as rich and well-rounded and full as it otherwise would be. It lacks something in completeness and history is held up in its upward movement toward a great supreme climax.

We like Esther come to the kingdom for a special hour and a definite purpose is all the time being worked out in human life and history. You do not have to search for illustrations of this truth. They are found in the story of every nation whether it be Hebrew or British or French or American. Every great character that ever walked across the world's life arose to meet a crisis. Joseph became prime minister in the land of the Nile that he might save his family, the chosen people, from famine by bringing them into Egypt. Constantine became Emperor of Rome that he might emancipate Christianity which was struggling for existence and give it a permanency in the Roman Empire. It is not necessary to multiply illustrations. A glance backward over our history will furnish them in such quantity as to convince us that every generation has a great moral problem of its own. John Fiske wrote a book entitled "The Critical Period of American History," but someone else might with good reason mark off another or still another, and call it The Critical Period. Whether a man live five thousand years before Christ in Babylon or nineteen hundred years after Christ in America, he is in The Present Crisis.

God is not a poor artist who brings on the stage, in addition to the actors, others who have no parts assigned. Every actor in the drama of life appears just when he does, because he is needed then to the development of the plot and its solution. In the narrative of Esther everything seems to hang on an if or happen so. It is full of unexpected turns and apparently unrelated events only casually connected and touching each other. If the king had not have been intoxicated, the Jewess would not have been chosen queen. If he had not have had a sleepless night, Mordecai's service to him would have been forgotten. The accidental reading of the state archives recalled that he had once saved the monarch's life. If Esther had not have been queen at this time, her nation would have perished in a bloody massacre. The characters seem to act spontaneously, but behind the scenes in the shadow is God, who so shapes events as to fit together each individual and occasion. And what seems to be mere chance and the mutation of fortune is actually Divine Providence and the unfolding of a great life scheme. Being great literature, this book is true to life. The central fact of life itself is that God prepares every life for a peculiar service to its own time and a definite purpose running through it. He had a George Washington prepared for the Revolution, a Lincoln for the Civil War and a Martin Luther for the Reformation. You may be more obscure than they, but he has just as clear cut plan for your life and mine. Rupert Brooke saw this beautiful truth and sang "Now God be thanked who hath matched

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Miss Florence Mims Sees Oldest Ship Afloat, in Boston Harbor.

Dear Advertiser:

At present, the oldest ship afloat, built in 1790, is anchored in the Boston harbor.

It is the convict ship, "Success," the sole remaining craft of the terrible felon fleet which England used to send the prisoners from her shores to Australia. These ships were known as "ocean hells," since they were dungeons, cell and torture, as well as the scene of every inhuman practice that a cruel captain could devise, to make life intolerable to the convicts. Many of these convicts had been sent for the most trivial offenses.

At the period of English history, when this ship was in use, there were one hundred and forty-five offenses punishable by death. For lesser crimes, the culprits were put of board the "Success," which was worse than death.

In England today, there are two crimes punishable by death, murder and treason. I doubt very greatly the justice of the death penalty for treason.

I am of much the same mind and mood when I write this on prison reform as I was last year when writing on school reform. Though I am sure that you will be of the same opinion concerning the atrocities permitted by England's penal system, many of you disagree deeply, no doubt with my ideals of the present educational system.

The "Success" was launched in British India, as an East Indian merchantman, and was used for carrying spices, aromatic teas, ivory, jewels and other luxuries all over the world.

It is built entirely of Burmese teak wood. In 1802 it was first used as a convict transport.

Below the water line are the dungeons, the condemned cells and the "black holes," the most terrible cells on the ship. In each of these a person was placed in total darkness, with the ball and chain to make life more intolerable. The branding irons, the cat o' nine tails and manacles made one shudder at these evidences of "man's inhumanity to man," and then suddenly rejoice at the great progress that the human race has made during the last century.

Many of the prisoners became insane, some committed suicide, and others died from the effects of cruel treatment. A broad arrow, the insignia of the ship, was branded on each of the prisoners, so that when he had served his term he still bore the mark of criminality. This would always keep him from earning an honest living when he had served his term. People with their narrowness and prejudice were apt to turn from the man they should have helped most, the friendless and despised ex-convict.

The ship was raised from Sidney Harbor, Australia in 1890 where she had remained under water for five years. The "Success" has for years been touring the world as an educational object lesson. She has been up the Mississippi River and will go along the East coast to the St Lawrence River and on the Great Lakes. Over twenty million people have visited the "Success."

The same day as the "Titanic" set sail from Southampton, the "Success" left Liverpool. Sea of experience said that the ship was too old and battered to withstand the Atlantic ocean, but a brave crew set sail, and for ninety-six days battled with the waves, arriving at the end of the time in Boston Harbor. The Titanic, meanwhile, which the seafaring world considered impregnable, went down like an eggshell.

That epoch making voyage of the "Success" was compared to that of Christopher Columbus.

In 1857 the knowledge of the inhumane treatment of prisoners made great trouble in Australia which almost amounted to revolt against the British government, and this has ended the atrocious system.

The management of the "Success" offered any Boston girl who would spend twenty-five hours in the "black hole," one of the smallest and blackest cells, with the manacles on her hands, forced to stay in a cramped position, neither standing nor sitting,

a prize of \$100. A student from the Emerson College of Oratory volunteered, and remained the entire time. She was to be seen on the upper deck all last week wearing a convict's cap, and ready to answer any questions concerning her harrowing experiences. She was from Illinois, and had the middle western practical mind. It was nothing to her, seemingly, that she had the courage to take the challenge. She did it solely for the reward, since she needed the money for her tuition. I talked to her for some time about expression, while a crowd of people waited to ask her about the strange experience she had had. A trained nurse was kept just outside her door, to release her in case she wished to give up the undertaking. One hour out of the twenty-five she was taken up on deck for air and exercise. She said she went to sleep there standing up, so exhausted was she from the close confinement.

The convict ship was like a real bit of the past brought to light, interesting to the student of history, to the reformer and to anyone with a love of the human race and sympathy for its sufferings.

FLORENCE MIMS.

25 St. Stephens Street,
Boston, Mass.

Fall Term Court of General Sessions.

The court of general sessions convened Monday morning, with Hon. W. H. Townsend as presiding judge. Solicitor T. C. Callison, Stenographer O. B. Anderson and the other court officials were promptly at their respective posts of duty and the court machinery was set in motion without hindrance or delay.

The solicitor handed out a number of indictments and the grand jury returned true bills in the following cases:

M. Wright Holston, violating the prohibition law; F. Pierce Ouzts, violating the prohibition law; Perry Butler, murder; Luther Byrd, housebreaking and larceny; William Scott, murder; Charlie Diggs, disposing of property under lien.

Luther Byrd pleaded guilty to the charge of housebreaking and larceny and was sentenced to one year on the county chaingang.

Aaron Hill who was charged with murder was found guilty of manslaughter and given a sentence of 10 years on county chaingang. The state was represented by Solicitor Callison and the defendant by Mr. J. W. Cox.

Alfred McGhee was convicted of violating the prohibition law and given a sentence of 6 months in the penitentiary or for a like period on the public works of Edgefield county. When three months of sentence has been served the remaining time is to be suspended during good behavior. The state was represented by the solicitor and the defendant by Mr. C. T. Burnett.

Elisha Adams was convicted of manslaughter and given a sentence of 7 years on chaingang. The state was represented by Solicitor Callison and Mr. T. B. Grenaker and the defendant was represented by Mr. J. Wm. Thurmond.

Charlie Diggs pleaded guilty to disposing of a bale of cotton under mortgage and was sentenced to 30 days on the chaingang.

M. Wright Holston pleaded guilty to the charge of violating the prohibition law and was given a sentence of six months in the state penitentiary, four months to be suspended during good behavior after two months have been served.

Mr. J. M. Bryant was acquitted of the charge of disposing of property under lien. The state was represented by the solicitor and the defendant by Mr. C. T. Burnett.

At the hour of going to press the court is engaged with the trial of Elias Barnes and three other negroes for killing a negro near the home of Mr. S. A. Brunson about a year ago. The defendants are represented by Mr. J. H. Cantelou, Mr. S. McG. Simkins and Mr. C. T. Burnett and the State by Solicitor Callison.

The grand jury has completed its work and its report is published in this issue.

RED OAK GROVE.

Rev. T. E. Seago Improving. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bussey Will Move to Anderson. S. C.

A goodly number from Red Oak Grove had arranged to attend the divisional meeting at Modoc last Saturday but were very much disappointed by the inclement weather.

The friends of our pastor, Rev. T. E. Seago will be pleased to learn this his condition is very much improved and that he hopes to fill his appointment here next Saturday and Sunday.

There have been several cases of chills and fever in this section lately, but no Dengue fever, as was at one time apprehended.

Quite a good deal of moving and exchanging places will begin soon around here, getting ready for 1923, which will not take away any of our neighbors. We have none to spare, we need them all.

Miss Lullie Timmerman accompanied by her brother, Henry were pleasant visitors in the home of their aunt, Mrs. Lamb, last Friday night.

Mrs. Mamie Bussey has gone for a visit to her daughters, Mrs. J. T. and Mrs. Walter Griffiths at Cleora.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bussey were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Timmerman last Sunday.

Mr. Brooks Doolittle and Mr. Oneal Timmerman made a business trips to Augusta last Thursday.

Mrs. W. M. Agner has returned from Edgefield where she visited her daughter, Mrs. Livingston Bailey.

Flat Rock Sunday school regrets the departure of Mr. Henry Bussey as he leaves soon for Anderson where he and his good wife will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Rastus Thomas.

Misses Hain and Tarrant, our

arranging a plan by which to enable them to replenish books for the library. We feel sure their efforts will meet with hearty cooperation, for there is nothing more helpful than good reading matter in the homes of children. We well remember when our father and mother sought good books for us to read. After lessons for next day at school were finished, they used to read aloud around the fireside and every child knew to be quiet. The class of reading as now in mind was Scottish Chiefs, Robinson Crusoe, Christian Repository, Arkansas Traveler, Pictorial Bible, Commentator and Well-Springs of Truth, and Sunday mornings the Sunday schools lessons were rehearsed.

Mrs. Sally Jay Dies at Johnston.

Mrs. Sally Riley Jay died at the home of her son, A. C. Jay, in Harmony section last Friday morning at six o'clock after a lingering illness of two months.

Mrs. Jay had been in fairly good health until two months ago when she was forced to her bed and despite of the most careful nursing and medical attention her condition gradually grew worse until the end came. At first there were hopes of her recovery, due to the hard struggling and never ceasing prayer. Friday morning, however, attending physicians gave up all hope.

Beloved by all who knew her, representing as she did, that lovable character of womanhood, Mrs. Jay's death will be a great shock to her many friends in Saluda county. A devout member of the Methodist church of Butler in Saluda, her life was devoted to her family, her church and the betterment of the community in which she lived.

Mrs. Jay was preceded to the grave by her husband a great number of years. Mrs. Jay is survived by six sons and one daughter. Funeral services were conducted at the Harmony Methodist church Saturday morning at 11 o'clock with Rev. D. W. Kellar officiating.

E. D. H.

FOR SALE: Wyckoff-Barron single comb white Leghorn cockerels, February and March hatch. \$2.50 each.

Mrs. GEO. F. MIMS