

Gov. Ansel and Dr. Smith Were the Speakers

Laymen's Sunday was celebrated here last Sunday by the Presbyterians in the auditorium of the Murchison school building. The weather was ideal and a tremendous crowd was out. Every seat was taken when the exercises were opened and many chairs were placed in the aisle to accommodate those who were unable to get seats.

The exercises were opened by the singing of the long meter doxology "Praise God From whom all Blessings Flow" which was followed by prayer by Dr. McLeod, the Pastor of the Church. Seated on the stage were the choir, the Elders, Governor Ansel, and Dr. Bunyan McLeod. After prayer had been offered Dr. McLeod read the morning lesson from the first chapter of General Epistle of James.

After collection had been taken Dr. McLeod introduced Gov. M. F. Ansel, of South Carolina, who was to be the speaker at the morning exercises. In introducing the distinguished speaker Dr. McLeod referred to the fact that the Chief magistrate of the United States, the Governor of North Carolina, and the Governor South Carolina were God Fearing men and that each of them could and did carry the message of the Gospel of Peace to their people. He said that he was proud of this fact and it was a cause of rejoicing that such men filled the highest office of the State. In this connection also Dr. McLeod gave the reason for having a laymen's Sunday. He said that he and the session of the Church in thinking over ways in which the religious interests of the people could be aroused and bettered hit upon the plan of having a laymen's Sunday and this was the day. Only the Laymen were to speak and they were to carry the tidings of the Kingdom of God. He said that he was glad to see that the laymen were becoming more and more to realize the fact they should take more part in work of this kind and that it resulted in much good.

In opening his address Gov. Ansel said that it was always his desire to speak a word for his Master. He said that he recognized the God of Nations and that without him nothing can be done and he was always glad to say a word for him in season and out of season and that it was his privilege today to say a word in behalf of God. Just here Gov. Ansel said that it was an old saying that the best things were kept for the last and that he was glad it was true to day (Referring to Dr. Smith who spoke at evening service).

Gov. Ansel made a simple, strong practical, and very convincing talk on the subject "The Duties of Christian Citizenship". Handling this subject in a masterfully way Gov. Ansel said in part as follows:

All people are citizens of some country, either of this state, or some other state, or some country.

As citizens we must be Christian Citizens and we owe this as a duty.

In the first place we owe it to ourselves. You owe it to your mental to your moral, and to your religious man. We must take care of our physical body if we are good citizens. We must be as near a perfect physical man as we can and for this reason athletics when conducted properly are all right. We should preserve our bodies perfect which God has given us. We should not contaminate our blood with any alcoholic drinks as this is a veritable poison. We should not be a glutton. Many a man has killed himself by overeating. We should not destroy our physical man and to this end we should live clean lives. We owe it to our mental man that we direct our reading and study along the right lines so that our mental capacities have

the right training. We owe it to our religious man that we are true Christians, that we let the world know under whose banner we are marching. Let it be known that we follow Christ and are good soldiers of the Cross booth away and at home. Many a man when he gets away from home is ashamed of his religion and tries to hide it but we have no more more right to hide our religion away from home than we have at home. We should at all times be soldiers of Christ and let it be known by our walk and conversation.

2nd we owe a duty to our fellow man. "Am I my brother's keeper?" is a question which has often been asked. And the answer is yes. You are your brother's keeper. Some people are pessimists. They never see any good either in themselves or anything around them. They go along with their heads down and never see the beautiful and bright things in this beautiful world. On all sides are the beauties of nature, the blue of the sky painted by the masters hand, the green grass, and all the beautiful flowers and yet the pessimists never see these. We owe it to our brother to speak well of him. We should practice brotherly love. Love is all powerful.

Often one little word of sympathy and encouragement will bring untold good. Often we speak one little word against a man and it grows and grows until it reaches mountainous proportions and we should guard against this. The trouble with this is that we are all selfish and need to get this selfishness out of our hearts and the love of God implanted therein. Then we would be kinder to our brother and encourage him. All men need sympathy. There is no mortal but what needs sympathy. A good example of this is seen on the streets everyday. You go down street in the morning and you greet one man who replies with a surly growl while another responds with a cheery "Good morning". Now which one do you like better? The man with the gruff greeting you think of as being in trouble. Either he is dyspeptic, or else maybe he has had a "curtain" lecture before leaving home. Anyway you are certain that something is wrong because of the way in which he spoke.

Husband's should encourage their wives in their household duties. The wife has the same duty over and over day by day, year by year, and knows how to appreciate a word of encouragement.

Wife's are their husband's best advisers and critics and they stand closer than anyone else. You should encourage your children and get into their confidences.

Often a man is worried and tries to get rid of the child but he should be companionable and encourage and sympathize with it.

What is a better sight than seeing a son walking with his father arm in arm, companionable. And the same way with the mother and daughter, or with the daughter and father or with the mother and son. Our brother needs our encouragement, our sympathy and our love and it is due everyone that we fulfill this Christian duty. We are only here a short time on earth. It is simply a period of probation and then we pass on. This is a preparatory period for the hereafter, and we should all perform this duty as well as we can so that when we come at last to lay down our lives we can look back and be satisfied as far as mortal can be.

3rd, We owe a duty to our country and our state. There is not a greater thing than law, that silent monarch which stands alike at the door of the humblest hut and the richest castle. The silent protecting arm of the law is around us no matter where we go. If one person visits another country and is mistreated the whole United States is behind him and will see that justice is done. The law is jealous of the rights of the citizens and should be. Do we not then owe it a duty? It is our duty to uphold the law and the officers

who administer it. We should put down lawlessness and we owe it as a duty to the state and nation that we make the best citizens that we can. We should see that right is done even to the humblest.

4th, The duty we owe to God. This is the greatest duty of all. Here we are placed in a land of bibles and churches and can worship under our own vine and fig tree and in what manner we choose. Then do we not owe a duty to God who has given us all this? God can take us away in the twinkling of an eye. No one can look around in the world and doubt that there is a God. He made the stars, and the sun, the seasons day and night. Look how the planets move in the way God fixed for them without swerving one inch from the path. He expects that we be Christian citizens and we owe it as a duty to him. We will soon be called before the Bar of God and we should perform that duty as well as we can. It is pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity and we are all serving the same God. Denominations do not matter for they are all advancing the kingdom of God. The teachers have a great privilege. They prepare the sons and daughters and send them forth to spread the word and it goes on and on reaching up to the throne of Grace.

Gov. Ansel closed by saying that as all knew he was a very busy man but he couldn't help but coming here today for the privilege of talking upon this subject. And his final words were, "May you all say as the sacred writer said. 'My citizenship is in heaven.'"

At the close of this Dr. McLeod offered a fervent prayer and after another hymn the congregation was dismissed until evening with the benediction.

THE EVENING EXERCISES.

The evening exercises were opened at 8 o'clock. Seated on the stage were the elders, Rev. E P Rushton, Rev. R E Turnipseed, Dr. Henry Louis Smith, Dr. Bunyan McLeod, and the choir. The first song was "Is thy heart right with God?" After one more hymn had been sung prayer was made by Rev. E P Rushton. Then the singing of the laymen's hymn was followed by the reading of the 3rd chapter of the book of Daniel by Dr. Smith. Prayer was offered by Rev. Turnipseed and then Dr. McLeod introduced Dr. Henry Louis Smith, the President of Davidson College, who was to be the speaker of the evening.

Taking as his subject "Shadrach, Mesach and Abednego," Dr. Smith held the audience closely. His presentation of this subject and the lessons from it was splendid and all were delighted with speaker.

The following is a short summary of his subject: All are hero worshippers. Everyone has his ideal and is striving for it. What one person's ideal is like would be scorned by another. Ambitions are different and ideals are different. But all admire courage. Courage is honored the world over. Physical courage is applauded by the people and the world is coming slowly to appreciate moral courage, that which dares to do the right, that courage which is far more less appreciated by men today than physical courage.

Then Dr. Smith drew a picture of Babylon at the time of Daniel. Then Babylon was in all her glory. All the nations of the earth bowed before her. Egypt, Assyria, and even Palestine had been conquered. The little land of the Israelites had felt the heavy hand of the King of Babylon and Jerusalem had been laid in ashes and the people carried captive to a strange land there to pine away by the rivers. Then the speaker touched on the picture of the three heroes. The King, Nebuchadnezzar, had made a golden image and commanded that when the trumpet blew, and tribes were to fall down and worship or they would be cast into the burning fiery furnace. Here the three Israelites were pic-

tured. On one side lay a fair road apparently. The favors of the King, the power and glory of the earthly rule and the seats of the mighty for they had been trained in all the wisdom of the age. All they had to do was to fall down and worship the image. On the other hand if they refused to do this they would be cast into the furnace and meet a horrible and agonizing death. This meant sacrifice of home, friends, all the glory and honor of the world. Dr. Smith gave some of the probable temptations which the Devil whispered in their ear such as the worshiping of the image was only a royal custom, and then that old rule "When in Babylon do as the Babylonians do." Or probably the Devil argued with them that they ought to do this in gratitude for what the king had done for them. Also he probably argued with them that it was God's hand in this and that if they would worship the King they could arise to power and probably have the chance of rescuing their people who were groaning on every side. But to all this they gave the strong answer, "We will not serve thy god oh king." Such moral courage as took to say that word. A brave thing indeed for they were all alone in all those thousands. It is easy to be a hero when the cheering multitude is behind you, or on a battlefield when the conflict has turned your blood into fire and when you know that the whole nation is behind you, but when these three men knew as they did that they were alone and had to die that frightful death it was a brave thing to answer as they did. And what was the secret of their moral courage? "Our God whom we serve he will deliver us. The secret of their sublime courage was their sublime faith. They trusted in God and they defied the power of this earthly king. Inside the fiery furnace Christ was waiting for them as he is always waiting for his followers to lead them safely. Through all the ages this has ever been. It is the great faith in God which has enabled the martyrs of the ages to die in prison, on the rack, and by the flames without flinching. They knew that God was with them. On mountain heights and in the deepest dungeon God's power goes.

And the story of these three heroes is told today and the power of Babylon has long since passed away. God has drawn the images of these three men across the pathway of the centuries. The name of Babylon and her King and glory has survived simply because they came across the path of these men.

And one lesson which Dr. Smith impressed was that all moments and events in our lives are not of equal importance. In one short moment may be crowded the destiny of our lives. The crisis may come in some moment. Then the battleground of the soul will witness a sterner conflict than took place on the heights of Thermopylae or the plains of Gettysburg. It behooves us to be on the watch. This moment will not come with the blowing of trumpets or the cry of the thousands. It may come in the dead of night when we are all alone or at any moment. It comes silently. Therefore we should always be on our guard and act as conscience dictates. When you are tempted remember these three heroes and all the heroes of the past ages and have the courage to answer no.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY A SUCCESS.

Laymen's Sunday was a great success. Dr. McLeod and the members of his church are gratified at the great interest shown. The Baptists had no services on last Sunday and that night the Methodists also joined in the exercises of laymen's Sunday. It is expected that much good will result from the meeting and that religious interest will be aroused among the laymen to a great degree.

WHERE THEY WERE ENTERTAINED. Gov. Ansel came in on Saturday night and was entertained at the

home of Mr. D D McColl. He was given an automobile ride on Sunday evening around town and over the county. The Governor enjoyed his stay very much and was delighted with Bennettsville. He returned on Monday morning to Columbia.

Dr. Smith came in Saturday morning and was entertained by Dr. McLeod. He left Monday morning also having other engagements to speak. The Dr. is a charming man and a fine speaker and is in great demand. He was also pleased very much with Bennettsville and her people.

AN ENJOYABLE RECEPTION

Pleasant Entertainment at home of Mr. and Mrs. Howell.

Thursday night March 12th at the pleasant and hospitable home of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. M. Howell on Robeson street a most enjoyable reception and entertainment was given. A couple of dozen young ladies, with as many elegant young gentlemen were invited, and by nine o'clock had arrived, and soon all present were in the midst of the most genuine enjoyment.

The Howell home is very attractive and spacious a splendid place for an evening's enjoyment—wide halls and large spacious parlors brilliantly lighted, the Bennettsville String Band furnished music for the occasion. Some of various kinds were participated in, the young gentlemen trimmed the ladies hats, which were variegated specimens of millinery proficiency.

A prize was awarded to the best trimmer, also one to the least of an expert in this new departure.

The beautiful strains of music not only were exhilarating and enlivening to the merry pleasure seekers but was enjoyed by the residents who were so fortunate as to reside with the sound limit of the thrilling strains. At 10,30 the young ladies escorted the young gentlemen to the spacious dining room, (as this was a leap year party) where long tables covered with spotless white linen, flowing from beneath the numerous varieties of cake, fruits and cream. The happy young folks lingered until the hand on the dial pointed to 12 o'clock, when they were admonished that it was time to separate and disperse. All left in the most happy frame of mind, voting Mr. and Mrs. Howell many thanks for providing such an enjoyable entertainment. This was given in honor of Miss Ella Howell, daughter of the host and hostess, who for some months has resided in Wilmington, and was at home for a short visit and vacation.

Mr. Mitchell, railroad agent at Maxton, N. C., a most excellent young gentleman was present by special invitation, also three gentlemen from Pennsylvania, who by their genial and pleasant manners rendered themselves most agreeable. The ice cream of several flavors, and tempting cake were greatly enjoyed. Such occasions are happy epochs in the lives of those who participate.

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CLIO NEWS NOTES

Doings of a Week at Our Neighboring Town.

Clio, March 16—The Misses Alma and Lizzie Quick of Rowland, N C, spent Saturday and Sunday with relatives in town. Miss Alma will be at the home of Mr. Marshal Manning making dresses.

Miss Florence Edens one of our efficient and worthy young ladies has taken a place with Mr. Mittle in Bennettsville where she will be pleased to serve her Clio friends.

When your correspondent entered the Murchison school auditorium on Sunday he was forced to admire the city like perfection of its adornments and see how fortunate a town is with such a friend as Mrs. Beckwith. The auditorium was soon filled with an audience of Marlboro county's best people all

of whom heard the excellent talk of Governor Ansel upon theme of Christian citizenship. The heart of Marlboro is apparently with him which he knows and appreciates at its full value.

Mrs. Levy of Atlanta is visiting the family of her brother Mr. Joe Straus.

The cotton fields here are about bare of the blue cotton, left over from the 1907 crop, which hangs along from 6 to 7 cents, and the cotton buyers seem to dread it even at price.

For several weeks the Octoraro cotton mills at Red Bluff have been closed down for an indefinite period. It is a great pity that this property should lie idle with such a great water power already in harness.

Mr and Mrs O D Fitz have returned from the burial of Mrs Helen Palmer of North Carolina mother of Mrs Fitz and is well known here as a quiet friendly, Christian woman.

Mr D D McLaurin has returned from Highsmith hospital in Fayetteville, N C, where he carried a child for an operation which has been successfully performed and the little fellow is doing well. Its grand-mother Mrs W D Pate is with it now and expects to return with the child in a few days.

Our townsmen, Messrs J H Stanton, Alva Newton and R L Bennett are jurors at court this week.

Mr W S Thomas has opened up a new grocery and clothing business near the post office.

Dr Milton Wright of North Carolina spent Sunday with the family of H H McLaurin Esq.

Mortgagee's Sale.

Notice is hereby given that under and by virtue of the power contained in a certain chattel mortgage executed to us by G C Hinson on the 3rd day of Dec 1907, and recorded in the Clerk's office on the 23d day of Dec 1907, and also contained in a chattel mortgage given to us by same party on the 13th day of April, 1907, and recorded on the 16th day of April, 1907, in the Clerk's office for Marlboro county, we will sell before the court house door in Bennettsville on the First Monday in April next, during legal sale hours to the highest bidder for cash, the following personal property, to wit:

1 black horse named Campbell; 1 black horse named "Judge"; 1 bay mare named "Annie"; 1 bay horse named "Henry"; 1 black horse named "Dan"; 1 black horse named "Watson"; 1 bay horse named "T C"; one sorrel mare named "Weatherly"; 1 black mare named "Nellie"; 1 black mare named "Crosland"; 1 bay mare named "Little Bay"; 1 bay mare named "Pay Mare"; 1 gray mare named "Gray mare"; 1 sorrel horse named "Sorrel"; one sorrel horse named "Side Wheeler"; 10 sets buggy harness, single; sets buggy harness, double; 9 buggies; 2 saddles; 2 riding bridles and blankets; 1 three-seated carriage; 3 two seated carriages; 3 extra poles; 6 lap robes.

The same having been seized by us as mortgagee under the powers given in said mortgages and to be sold to satisfy the debts secured by said mortgages and the costs, expenses and so forth.

This property is now in our possession, and persons desiring to purchase can see the same before the day of sale.

Union Savings Bank
By W S Mowry President.
Bennettsville, S C, March 18th, 1908. 12-14

Notice.

We have moved our insurance office into front room of Planters National Bank building on corner. We will as usual be glad to see our friends and customers at any time.

Crosland & Tyson Co.
12 A. D.