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**Anderson Notes**

Mrs. T. B. Williams.

Mr. Cornelius Gambell of Belton was in the City Saturday visiting old friends.

Misses Katie and Gwendolyn Anderson, Pauline Smith attended the Graduating exercises of Union High School Wednesday night.

The "Slipper Contest" given for the benefit of Royal Baptist Church was quite a success. The nice little sum of \$32 was raised. Miss Cecelia Alexander received the slippers.

Mrs. Ed. White has gone to Asheville, N. C. for her health.

Mr. Jewett Williams who has been in Florida for several months has returned home sick. Mrs. Lena Williams is also very sick at this writing. We hope for each a speedy recovery.

**Johnston Rosenwald Graded School**

Johnston, May 20.—The Edgefield County Training School has made steady progress during the last year due to the excellent cooperation of pupils and teachers. We hope to add next term, the ninth grade.

The commencement exercises of our school were held in the auditorium of the school, May 5-10. Wednesday night, May 5th, the Primary Department rendered an excellent program. We, the patrons and friends, really enjoyed seeing our little folks appear on the stage, showing that they had been well trained by their teachers.

On Tuesday night we assembled on time to see and hear the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grades. These grades could not be less spoken of. I am sure I would not be out of place by saying this night almost reached the climax of the occasion. This was a most enjoyable. These two instructors are efficient an excellent teachers. It is worth while to visit their class rooms and come and see the wonderful exercises presented by these classes.

Friday night being the closing exercises of the 5th grade this also was a very enjoyable night.

On Saturday, the teachers, pupils, patrons and friends feasted sumptuously at their annual picnic. The P.-T. Association furnished the lemonade for this occasion and the ladies furnished plenty of baskets of pies, cakes, sandwiches and many other articles, too numerous to mention. This also was a red letter day in Johnston.

Sunday being Mother's Day, and the Odd Fellows' Thanksgiving Day, a large crowd attended these exercises.

Sunday we assembled at 8 p. m. in the school auditorium to hear their Annual Commencement Sermon. Prof. McIntosh, being the Master of Ceremonies. The student body assembled in their regular chapel seats and other space occupied by the many friends, Processional by the Glee Club and members. The members dressed in white marched in slowly while the piano played very softly and slow. Space will not allow me to relate all of the happenings of the occasion. With a short devotional and invocation by Mr. Andrew Simpkins, Prof. McIntosh then presented the speaker of the occasion, Rev. W. H. Hilyard, Prin-

cipal of Brewer Normal School, Greenwood, S. C.

The Rev. Hilyard with his eloquent but practical sermon planted many truths in our hearts. It is hard to find men like the Rev. Hilyard. We hope for him success in his efforts. Offerings, announcements, benediction, recessional and adjournment. Music furnished by the Glee Club.

Monday night being the last of our closing, and the last impression to be indelibly stamped upon our memory, the writer at this point cannot find suitable words to comment, congratulate, thank and praise the Dept. The pupils really showed efficiency in every respect. The 6th, 7th and 8th grades rendered a play: "Perplexing Situations." All the characters were at their best. This play reflected much credit to Miss A. M. Bovian. It was highly praised by all who saw it.

Those attending the Commencement exercises of the Ruffin Graded School of which Prof. Jas. Riley of this place is principal were Rev. J. A. Wilson, who presented the diplomas to the graduates, Mr. Norman Mouson, who was one of the judges in the oratorical contest and Attorney Chas. E. Washington, who delivered the Commencement address. They reported that Prof. Riley is doing a wonderful piece of work at Ruffin and that he would be the right person in the right place in our own Robert Smalls High School. Why not we exert our efforts in accomplishing this?

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**THE RECONSTRUCTION OF THE EBENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH, FROGMORE ST. HELENA ISLAND, S. C.**

On Sunday, May 16th, the Ebenezer Baptist Church of St. Helena Island, S. C., headed by the Rev. D. C. Washington, had a singular occasion when she had ordained as deacons seven men who in the estimation of the people are honest and of good report. Among these seven men were Mr. B. B. Barnwell, who for many years served the people of this community as Demonstration Agent; Mr. B. H. Washington, who is engaged in the Agricultural Department of Penn School, serving as Farm Manager and who is Supt. of the Sunday School of the above named Church. The others were men of outstanding character—teachers, carpenters, and respectable farm demonstrators—working hand in hand with the County Agent.

We were thrilled in haying with us the principal of Penn School, Miss Cooley and Miss House—to witness the occasion. Miss Cooley has been abroad for nearly one year and we are only too glad to have her back. There is no place like home.

We were proud to have the presence of three prominent ministers to officiate with our pastor, namely: Rev. R. T. Frazier of Port Royal Island, S. C., who offered prayer, Rev. A. E. Quick, pastor of the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Beaufort, S. C., who gave the charge and Rev. P. P. Watson of Columbia, S. C., who delivered the sermon. No words can overestimate the excellency of Dr. Watson's discourse. He preached to a responsive congregation and his sermon will long be remembered.

The Ebenezer Baptist Church with the Moderator at its head ranked with the first in the Ashley Baptist Association, but an immense amount of work is to be done to promote its welfare. There is much we can do to prolong the life of our pastor who has labored with the people 33 years.

Being overburdened with the absence of his dear wife, who has recently been taken away by death, and the hard work of the community and the church, it is hoped that the most excellent sermon of Dr. Watson and the seven choice men selected by the church will effect such an organization that will force the other churches, organizations, and even the community to watch the sign of the times. The harvest is truly great, but the laborers are few! We pray God that in due time some young man will be imbued with the Holy Ghost and help shoulder the work with Dr. Washington. He appreciates the help of Dr. Watson and desires it to be possible for him to give more of his service in our little Galilee.

Continuing on the splendid day aforementioned, a very beautiful service was held at night, conducted by Rev. Watson and presided over by Rev. Washington. Despite the long service held during the day, a goodly number was present to hear another able effort by Dr. Watson. The latter part of the service was turned into an evangelistic meeting and 10 young people expressed their faith in the Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What a fitting ending for such a wonderful day. It was truly a great day in Israel!

—B. H. W.

**Beaufort Locals**

We were pleased to have in our midst last week, Miss Claretta B. Watts, who is here in interest of The Palmetto Leader. We hope that this splendid paper will be placed in every colored home in Beaufort. Since being here, Miss Watts, because of her wonderful personality, has made many friends. The Palmetto Leader did well in sending this splendid young lady to our town.

The friends of Mr. Abraham Davis extend their sympathies to him in the disaster which befell him on last Wednesday night, when his house and all his belongings were completely destroyed by fire. The origin of the fire is unknown. Let us all help him in getting upon his feet again.

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Mother's Day was fittingly celebrated at the various Churches of the City on the 9th. At F. A. B. Church a special program was rendered by the choir in the morning. Miss Claretta Watts of Columbia delighted the congregation with a special instrumental solo—Rev. Wilson, Pastor preached a special sermon on "The Seventh Wonder Mother." It was enjoyed by all who were present.

The Annual Thanksgiving Services of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows and Household of Ruth were held Sunday night at the Tabernacle Baptist Church. Rev. A. E. Quick, Pastor of the said Church, preached a very appropriate and interesting sermon. With his usual eloquence, he held his congregation spell-bound. Dr. M. P. Kennedy attended the Palmetto Medical Association which was recently held at Chester, S. C. He reported a wonderful Convention.

Everybody is looking forward to the Mock Wedding to be had at the F. A. B. Church on Monday night. Mrs. Matilda Reed, an old citizen of this town, died at her home on North Street last Thursday. The funeral services were had from the Tabernacle Baptist Church on Monday afternoon.

We are proud to note the wonderful improvement that is being had in the Tabernacle Baptist Church. When completed, it will present a beautiful sight. Among the week-end visitors in town last week were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Waterman of Orangeburg; Mr. Pearson of Durham, N. C.; Messrs. McGhee and Joiner of Aiken, S. C.

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**Clafin University Notes**

Backbiters Had Their Day When the Belles Lettres Association First in Series of Annual Banquets

The B. L. A. had its annual banquet in the College Dormitory on Saturday evening, May 8. The affair was very unique and perhaps the best ever staged by this College Association and was enjoyed by all who attended.

The evening was made lively by the Harmonic Music floating from the Clafin's peerless Harmonic Five. All eyes were turned forward to the Annual Debate which follows soon and for the coming of the next Annual Banquet.

La Societe des Beaux Arts The annual social event for the Societe des Beaux Arts this year was a Rustic Garden Party on Saturday night in the Clafin New Gymnasium. The decorations were indeed that of a rustic garden where clinging vines, shrubby and trim trees were arranged in symmetric order. Clafin's colors, Orange and Moroon, were also in evidence. Appropriate with the decorations were the gowns of the ladies present. The evening was one of high entertainment and joy. Imperial Club The Imperial Club, marking its debut this year gave their first an-

nual banquet in the Clafin Dining Hall Saturday night. Purple and White was the color scheme of their overhead hangings. The Imperial Club is a new department. Merriament was the order of the day at this event.

**Gadsden News**

The long looked for rain has not come yet. Only a few farmers have a good stand of cotton. Some are now gathering oats and others grain.

The Annual Sermon of the Burial Aid Society was preached by Rev. R. W. Jenkins at Red Hill Baptist Church where the annual session was held, May 15th. Those who heard the sermon said it was the best yet heard on that occasion.

A very interesting program was carried out. Mr. C. F. Williams was Master of Ceremonies.

Sunday, May 16th was a beautiful day, quite a crowd worshipped at St. Mark's Baptist Church. At 11 a. m., the Sunday School was conducted by the Supt., Mr. Beverley Garrick. The lesson was taught by Mrs. Sallie S. Sims.

The regular Church service was conducted by B. J. Goodson.

At 3 p. m. the annual sermon of St. Mark's Missionary Society was preached by the pastor, Rev. J. B. Barber. Rev. Barber held his audience spell-bound while he eloquently expounded the word of God.

The members of the Society rendered an excellent program under the direction of Mrs. Sallie Sims.

Mrs. A. M. Garrett and Dr. Ruth Carroll were pleasant visitors at St. Mark. Both of the ladies made interesting talks.

Mr. Ben Finch who was suddenly stricken with paralysis on the 8th inst. passed away on the 14th. His body was laid to rest in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery on the 15th.

He was a member of the Pleasant Grove Church. His wife, children and other relatives have our deepest sympathy in their bereavement.

Dr. H. H. Lemon of High Point, N. C. was a pleasant visitor here last week. Dr. Lemon was reared in this community. He completed his course in pharmacy at Meharry last May.

He has now a well equipped drug store in High Point and is doing excellent business.

Among those on the sick list this week are Mrs. C. M. Webber and Mrs. L. W. Randolph. Mrs. Randolph is a little better, but Mrs. Webber is very ill at this writing.

The public is invited to the picnic given at Gadsden Graded School this afternoon.

**ST. LUKE PUBLIC SCHOOL HAS 5th COMMENCEMENT**

Fort Motte, S. S.—The St. Luke Public School closed its Fifth Annual Commencement Exercises on the 13th inst. with Prof. James O. Carter, principal.

School motto: "Profanity Poisons the Mind."

The sermon was preached by Rev. J. M. Martin, Pastor.

Among the many that were present at the exercises were: County Superintendent, Mr. Giger, principal of the High School (white) and his faculty and a number of their students and witnessed a most interesting program.

Rev. B. C. Scott offered prayer at the beginning of the program.

The recitations, dialogues and songs showed that Prof. Carter was careful in teaching and training his pupils to the delight of all.

After the exercises by the children a very interesting talk was made by the County Supt. of Education and from the principal of the white High School, Lone Star, S. C. Each of these gentlemen said in his address that the pupils were well trained for their respective parts.

As a part of the day's program, a picnic was given. Prof. Carter spared no pains in his preparations for this affair which was enjoyed by even the white friends.

Revs. S. C. Campbell, B. C. Scott and J. M. Martin; these ministers were nicely entertained along with a host of others, who expressed themselves as being greatly benefitted on this occasion.

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