

THE "OLD GRAY" AND THE NEW RIDER

E. PHILIP ELLIS

Both Bishops Are Right Bishop Ransom in his address to the Central Conference of the A. M. E. Church at Manning said the greatest need of the church today is prayer. It is needed both on the part of the ministry and the laity. He said brethren you must pray your way through difficulties and over obstacles. If you undertake the method of fussing and fighting or political scheming you will ultimately fail. Bishop Chandler in addressing the upper South Carolina Conference of the Southern Methodist Episcopal Church held at Spartanburg a few days ago said there wasn't anything needed more in the church of today than a universal revival such as it has not witnessed in over a quarter of a century. We just as well heed the admonition of those episcopal leaders and tune in with God as our chief refuge from the perils that are threatening us in these trying days of deep distress.

"Comfort Ye My People" The above is as much the duty of the gospel ministers of today for the people as it was that of the prophet for the children of Israel. There is to be found consolation in God's word for His people at any time and under all conditions. The gospel minister should acquaint himself with the deplorable conditions of his people and search the scriptures so as to find a comforting message for them on Sunday or at anytime from his pulpit. This thing of ministers divorcing themselves entirely from their people all the week, perfectly ignorant as to the happenings with them during the week and come before them Sunday morning with a classical message from his library comforts them about as much as saw dust would comfort a hungry hog. What does a colored man care for theological truths, or philosophical conclusions or rhetorical accuracy or even heaven, when the landlord has all of his cotton stored up in the warehouse with no settlement and his own crib nailed up and himself and family walking the highways with nothing to eat scarcely anything to wear. The minister must be able to find comforting words of the Holy written word for such persons if he would interest them. The Lord Jesus Christ satisfied the people first with fish and bread before he told them of that living bread and that well of everlasting water.

Blunder And Still Blundering It seems that colored farmers are hard to be convinced. They have been told repeatedly to plant more food stuff and less cotton. The governor of South Carolina sent a busload of committee in various parts of the state this spring instructing the farmer what to plant. But with all of that what held on to "king cotton" as usual and today their cotton is gone, but little corn in their barns, no potatoes in their cellars, little or no vegetables in their gardens, hardly any chickens on their yards, no fattening hogs nor milking cows. Christmas has not yet come and really there are some farmers that haven't saved a dime from their entire cotton crop and have destroyed the little amount of food stored otherwise. To plant the greater portion of their farms in cotton, was a blunder and the small amount of eatables planted by them was still blundering. The buying of fine cats by some of our poor people when they were living on rented farms and houses was a blunder and their still trying to operate them more for pleasure than anything else is still blundering. The inclination on the part of our people to leave the church because of these hard times is a blunder and roaming the woods and fields on the Lord's Day sighing and complaining is still blundering.

Our Whereabouts On last Sunday we were with the Rev. E. A. Atchison of St. John and the Rev. Jas. R. Johnson, Jr. of Winnsboro and had a real pentecost indeed. We enjoyed ourselves with these ministers. By request of the Rev. Atchison we assigned him to Atchison Chapel which is near his home and where he has gone and will do his church a great service. Brother Johnson is truly the popular pastor of his city. Already he has begun his program for the entertainment of the quadrennial annual conference. We shall publish the names of some of the leading workers of these two charges in another article. This week-end will find us at Macedonia Church, Sunday morning with the Rev. C. B. Cook, and at Union Sunday evening with the Rev. I. G. Bowman. Let the members pray for the presence of the Holy Spirit. "Let us advance on our knees."

NEWBERRY NEWS

Newberry is much in need of a colored doctor. The Newberry field has always supported one; the field is now open, and a good doctor desiring to come for further information write Mr. R. F. Neely. The many friends of Rev. Boozier of Player Street are glad to know that he is out again. The service at Miller Chapel was good all day Sunday and was largely attended. Two able sermons were preached by the pastor, Rev. J. C. McCellan, morning and night. The Dime Reading and black coffee service was a great success to say the least which was given by the Deacons Board at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Guise, last Sunday afternoon. On last Wednesday night, Mr. M. L. Leane, chairman of the prayer meeting committee, had some very distinguished visitors. Rev. T. F. Hopper, who we know is full of fire,

and also several Baptist friends; we had a glorious time.

The members on the sick list are: Mrs. Janie Nance, of Elenor St., Mrs. Virginia Gray is still confined to her room and also Mr. Simon Allen Jr.

SUMTER NEWS.

Notes From the Primary Department of Lincoln High School.

FIRST GRADE "A" The tots of the Beginners Class "A" girls enjoy Silent Reading very much.

A few days ago they were allowed to give a Silent Reading Demonstration in chapel. This was given by way of inspiration. I am sure they are going to be more interested as the days go by. The children eagerly wrote nice letters to "Dear Old Santa" Thursday. Last week was an exceptionally busy one for our class. Each child was intensely interested (with the aid of the teacher) in making an attractive room for the season. It took time, energy, thought and patience to complete our program.

The black board drawings are appropriate for the season. For window decorations we have the Christmas story, cut outs pasted on the windows. Around the room are drapery and wreaths.

The sand table project is a village and a small manger. Stretch your imagination and you are sure you can see all in the room where anything might be.

Now, clap, clap your hands, And join in our glee! For Christmas is coming And merry are we!

E. B. LEVAN, Teacher, James A. Holman and Theodore.

FIRST GRADE "B" BOYS.

We, the band of First Grade "B" (boys) are anxious to have you know a thing or two about what we can do. For the Thanksgiving season we had quotations and songs appropriate to the occasion. The walls of our class were decorated with turkeys and pumpkins; the log cabin, Pilgrim going to church and everything to carry out the season.

As we know, all little boys like to count money and keep store like Daddy, so we have had a store in our class selling numbers from 1 to 15. We used 10 pennies and sold them for 1 penny each. How delighted we were for some to be dealers and some to be purchasers. We have also had some of our writing posted in our class room as encouragement for our other little friends.

For the Christmas season we have done Old Santa going down the chimney with his pack filled with good things that all little boys like. Our sand table for December is beautifully decorated with our Christmas tree. What a jolly good time we had cutting out horns, stockings, bells, stars and Christmas trees to beautify our room!

We wish for all the First Grade Boys "A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year."

C. M. DIGGS, Teacher.

ADVANCED FIRST GRADE

September brought to me a bunch of eager little boys and girls with smiling faces ready to grasp the much needed information from their teacher. We moved along nicely during the month, discussing our vacation and the season of the year.

The frolic of the leaves made us able to know that old "Jack Frost" was near.

During this month the children were busy looking for suitable leaves for class room decoration. We were able to know that October was creeping over the fence.

In this month we talked of Columbus, the children being able to get a beautiful mental picture of the simple story told to them. And by the use of the sand table were able to see.

A dramatization worked out by the teacher and pupils of the class brought much interest to the class room, after they enjoyed themselves in the class room they were anxious to act in chapel, this seemed to be enjoyed by every one present. The children have shown much interest in the Phonic Chart, and delight in giving phonetic sounds.

November rolled up. Our class room gave us a sure enough Thanksgiving spirit. We talked about sharing with others, and it was quite interesting to see "it" done when the little folks were called upon.

When asked for aid of Charity they brought potatoes, flour and pennies ready to respond.

December brought much joy to all, our class room shows no time lost for we have been busy each day trying to show the Christmasy "feel."

The sand tables are of much interest. On one table is the scene of the Birth of Christ. On the other shows jolly old Santa already at the chimney in another corner stands our Christmas tree; it makes us feel that Christmas is near.

ANNIE E. DINKINS, Teacher.

SECOND GRADE.

Miss M. A. Savage, our kind and sympathetic teacher of the second grade, has been ill for the past few weeks, but is convalescing nicely now. We pray to Him who doeth all things well, that He might restore her to health once again and that she might be able to come back to us because we miss her so.

The lovely sprays and the many cheering words from the faculty and

student body, along with a host of other friends, will aid in helping to bring about a speedy recovery. Miss Naomi E. Richardson, the very efficient sub-teacher is certainly putting over an effective program. Below you will find just a few of the many things that the children have been doing with the guidance of the teacher.

The First Quarter in the second grade ended in "Flying Colors" and with "High Spirits." In the class room are quite a number of effective results from our first exams. These are in the form of "A" papers, neatly written and arranged properly with gold stars placed very carefully thereon. They are hanging in a conspicuous place in the room and they make a lovely efficiency poster.

The Thanksgiving sand table project was another interesting feature that might be mentioned. On one side of the sand table was a beautiful scene representing the Pilgrims. The other side represented Holland.

The Thanksgiving story was told very simply by Miss Savage who came for a visit while convalescing. The children wrote history notes from the story.

Now, December comes and with it comes the Christmas spirit. We've been busy framing pictures of the Madonna, cutting out noisettes, Santa Claus, camels, bells, trumpets, reindeer and a number of other toys. Our sand table is covered with snow and in the center stands a Christmas tree that was beautifully decorated with toys made by the children with the aid of the teacher. This week finds us writing letters to Santa Claus.

THIRD GRADE

Our next thought after our Thanksgiving holiday, is planning our Christmas program, to which our little folks all are very eagerly looking forward. They are anticipating a great time planning their decorations and their sand table project.

The project represents the birth of the Savior in the manger, the Wise Men, the cattle, all are there. The children are delighted.

Our quarterly examinations are over, the majority of the pupils are doing well, each trying to excel the other.

M. E. GLOVER, Teacher.

FOURTH GRADE.

The Fourth Grade has finished the first quarter's examinations. It has shown improvement.

The Christmas sand table is very interesting. It shows the Christmas village and the happy spirit of the children. The children of the grade have learned gems and songs for the Christmas season.

B. V. SAMPSON, Teacher.

UNION NEWS.

Sunday Dec. 14th was a lovely day for church goers and many wended their way to the house of prayer.

The saints at Bethel A. M. E. church are much enthused over pastor's plans for the year and all are working to make Rally a glowing success.

Rev. Dr. Baten pastor of Corinth Baptist church has been invited to preach at Bethel A. M. E. church on 14th Sunday afternoon, Dec. 28. Choir and members are expected to accompany Pastor Baten.

Zion A. M. E. church is lining up with new pastor and when all of the little "seisms" are put aside, Zion will again blossom as the rose.

Here's a welcome warm and cheery for new ministers and education officials coming into Union district.

Sunday eve, Dec. 7th the Woman's Missionary Society of Corinth Baptist church held regular meeting, candle light service, sponsored by Mrs. Geneva Baten was well planned.

A literary program in connection with his was much enjoyed and proceeds of the evening amounted to a little over \$3.00. White dresses worn by the ladies, with red candles lighted made a pretty picture. The march up and down the aisles of Corinth was led by one of the faithful Junior girls Miss Maud McKissick—"Christian hold your light" was sung. One of the members not in the march served as spectator, she describes the candle light service unique and well-planned by Mrs. Baten. All are very appreciative of services rendered by Rev. and Mrs. Baten.

Sermons on Sunday Dec. 14th were both greatly enjoyed. All felt sorry when Pastor Baten said he felt a little indisposed. Well in a little while we were made to bid our fears cease. The sermon was well prepared in all of its parts and delivered so earnestly that with one accord we felt that it was good to be there.

B. Y. P. U. evening services were well attended—increased interest is being manifested by young people of the church. Communion was administered to a large number of the Corinthians at the evening service. The Holy Spirit was one in the midst, and again there was great rejoicing.

Many here and elsewhere regret to learn that Mr. Abe Giles is not much improved. Miss Maxine Bolden is cheerful and enjoys hearing from her friends. Our hopes are bright for her and many prayers go up for her recovery.

Prof. L. M. Tobin, instructor at Union University, Richmond, Va., where he graduated from the College department some few years ago; is still indisposed. All are hoping the best for Young Tobin—and for him our prayers are: Lord, give this young man needed strength—physical and spiritual. All are hoping to hear of his improved condition in a few days.

Many are looking forward with fond anticipations for a Merry Xmas. Here's hoping that all our friends and readers of Palmetto Leader, will have a joyous Christmas Season and most prosperous New Year.

Memorial Services of Columbia Lodge No. 11 at Sidney Park C. M. E. Church Sunday.

TO ALL KNIGHTS OF PYTHIANS AND FRIENDS: You are cordially invited to attend a Memorial Service under the auspices of Columbia Lodge No. 11, Uniform Rank Company A, and associate lodges of Columbia, to be held Sunday afternoon, December 21, 1930, at 3:30 at Sidney Park C. M. E. Church. The public is cordially invited to attend this service.



THE LATE COLONEL T. H. HENRY

The above is the likeness of Col. T. H. Henry, Past Grand Chancellor and Past Supreme Representative of the Knights of Pythias of South Carolina, one of the three Sir Knights of Columbia Lodge No. 11 to be memorialized Sunday afternoon, December 21, 1930.

In the same service, Sir Wm. Taylor and Sir W. J. Wright, Past Chancellors of the same Lodge, will be honored. These services will be honored with the presence of Sir Julius A. Brown, G. C., Charleston, Sir J. B. Lewie, G. K. of R. & S., and Sir L. M. A. Myers, Assistant Secretary of Endowment and Sir James Bailey, D. D. G. C., Columbia. We earnestly request the presence of the public. The following program will be rendered:

- Opening Ode. Master of Ceremonies
Music. Sir W. H. Coultry, No. 9
Remarks. Sir C. P. Davis, No. 11
Selection. Sir Benj. B. Boozier
Music. Community Quartette
Remarks. Sir I. M. A. Myers, No. 25
Duett. Sir and Mrs. Duck Johnson, No. 11
Remarks. Sir J. H. Jackson, No. 33
Solo. Sir A. T. Smith, No. 11
Eulogy. Rev. R. S. Lawrence
Remarks. Sir J. B. Lewie, G. K. of R. & S.
Remarks and presentation of checks to widows, orphans and disabled Knights of Columbia Lodge No. 11, K. of P.
Sir Julius A. Brown, G. C., Charleston, S. C.
Announcements. Benediction.



N. E. LEWIS

Right Eminent Grand Commander

PROCLAMATION

To all Knights Templars throughout the jurisdiction. (Prince Hall affiliation.) GREETINGS:

With deepest sorrow we announce the death of our Right Eminent Grand Commander John O. Singleton, who passed away Sunday morning, December 7, 1930 after only three hours illness.

Our Right Eminent Chief was buried with usual Masonic honors in Charleston, S. C., December 11, 1930.

Your humble servant as the ranking grand officer assumes the title of Right Eminent Grand Commander of Palmetto Grand Commandery, Jurisdiction of South Carolina. Our address is 1127 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C. All fraternal masonic correspondence relative to Knights of Templar work will be conducted through this office.

It is our purpose to keep the Knights Templar work to the high standard maintained by our predecessor and pray the most cordial and fraternal relations be maintained by our sister jurisdictions.

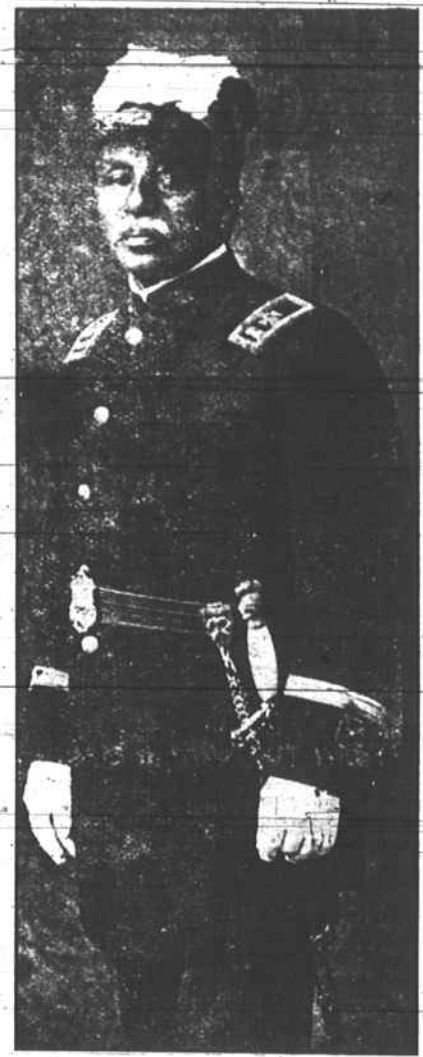
Fraternally Yours,

N. E. LEWIS.

Palmetto Grand Commandery of (Prince Hall affiliation) of South Carolina, 1127 Washington Street, Columbia, S. C.

MR. JOHN O. SINGLETON, PASSES

An outstanding figure in circles has passed from labor to reward in the person of Mr. John O. Singleton, whose sudden death on the morning of December 7th, 1930, shocked the entire community. On Thursday following, at Plymouth Congregational Church, of which he



THE LATE MR. J. O. SINGLETON

has long been an active member, a large concourse of sorrowing relatives and friends gathered to the last tribute of respect. Rev. C. S. Ledbetter, his pastor was eloquent in his wonderful sermon and eulogy of this faithful member, who has held many offices during his membership; and at the time of his death, was a deacon; in which capacity he has served for many years.

Escorted by Prince Hall Lodge of Masons and Prince Hall Chapter No. 11, Order of Eastern Star, his remains were conveyed to the Unity and Friendship Cemetery, and laid to rest with full Masonic Honors. Those from out of town in attendance at the funeral were: Mrs. Anetha Moore, of Chattanooga, Tenn.; Mrs. K. H. Fleming, St. Augustine, Fla.; nieces; Mr. Julian Lawrence, Boston, Mass.; a nephew; Mrs. Naomi Singleton Brown, New York City; adopted daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Shokes and family of McClellanville, S. C.; Mrs. Matilda McFarland, of Aiken, S. C.; Sir N. E. Lewis, D. G. C. of Columbia, S. C. Numbers of telegrams from relatives and friends and fraternal representatives who could not be present, were received. A bundance of floral offerings attested to the love and esteem in which he was held.

By trade Mr. Singleton was a Ship-Carpenter and has just completed 30 years of service at the Charleston Navy Yard, being retired on pension. He made an enviable record there for dependability, so that the Admiral in charge usually called for him to do whatever work he had in his line. For a number of years he was secretary for the Ship-Carpenters' Union.

Mr. Singleton was affiliated with a number of fraternal organizations and held office in many. He was elected for the second time Master of Prince Hall Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons. He was King of Robert Brown Elliott Chapter No. 1, Royal Arch Masons, Eminent Commander Joachim Commandery No. 1, Knights Templars, (of which he was the founder), Right Eminent Grand Commander, Palmetto Grand Commandery, Jurisdiction of South Carolina, Knights Templars; Associate O. E. S. He was a member of the Patron of Prince Hall Chapter No. 41 C. C. Johnson Consistory No. 136, and Emanuel Lodge No. 339, I. B. P. O. Elks of the World.

The deceased leaves a devoted companion of 41 years. They did not have any children of their own, but made a home for their many nieces and nephews, many of them motherless and fatherless, but who found a mother and father in this wonderful couple whose bigness of heart included an adopted daughter and children of friends; their door was never closed to any one who came.

A CHRISTMAS CANTATA

The Choir of Second Calvary Baptist Church, presents "The Coming of Christ," in a Christmas Cantata, Sunday night, Dec. 21, at 7:45 o'clock. It promises to be the best. Every is invited.

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