

Let's Take A Look At Ourselves

Dan T. Muse

As a general thing homely men care little about seeing themselves in a looking glass. They prefer not to see their features. Our tendency, as a church, is to take a look at our "good-looking side" and skip the other side. Let's view the good side together.

The South Carolina Conference has 75 churches, 1969 membership and 99 ministers. You increased 115 in church membership; You stepped up your average Sunday School attendance 231; You had 233 more young people in your Youths Society every Sunday; You reported 695 saved; 293 sanctified and 147 Baptized with the Holy Spirit. Your general per capita giving for all purposes stepped up to \$85.34, representing an increase over 1944 of some \$26.10; Twenty of your churches gave more than One Hundred Dollars per capita. You are to be commended because you stepped up the average pastoral salary to \$785.25, representing an increase of some \$252.07 over 1944 average. Your church property valuation reached the sum of \$168.43 per capita, whilst that your per capita indebtedness on church property is only \$9.68. In addition you are taking definite—or shall I say positive steps to develop the unevangelized sections of the South Carolina Conference.

Really so far as I am able to tell, you only have a very few moles, spots or blemishes. Will you turn around and take a look at what appears to be the only defect to a marvelous Conference. Here is the blotch we prefer not to look upon. Read on with me please. Did you know that seven of your churches did not report even one person saved during a Conference year. (59 did but these seven); and fourteen (14) did not report one person genuinely sanctified during the year; and worst of all twenty-seven (27) churches did not report even one person filled with the Spirit during the year. And while it is true that 30 churches

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JOHNSON-HOUSER PARTY IN CONFERENCE



At the time of this writing the Johnsons-Houser Evangelistic Party are conducting a revival at the Darlington church. They are scheduled to go from Darlington to Red Oak, for a meeting with Rev. J. P. Carter. These girls are one of the best evangelistic teams on the field and it will be to the advantage of any pastor and of untold value to any church to secure them for a meeting. It is true that they are scheduled many months ahead, so if you want them you better contact them immediately. They are well worth waiting for.

Secretary-Treasurer Resigns

Miss Leona Causey offered her resignation as secretary-treasurer of the P. H. Y. S. of the South Carolina Conference at the recent meeting of the convention in Lake City.

Miss Causey has for several

years served the young people in this capacity, and it is with deep regret that the convention gives her up. She is to be sent to China in the near future as a missionary. We regret our loss but our prayers go with her as she enters this greater field of service.

Conference Alumni Association Organized

A large number of the alumni of both Holmes Bible College and Emmanuel College met at Lake City, S. C. June 20th and organized a conference wide joint alumni association known as the "S. C. C. Chapter."

The following officers were elected:

President—W. L. Patterson

Vice President—J. W. Swails

Secretary—Virginia Elliott

Treasurer—H. W. Brown

Board Member—H. P. Robinson

The first project is to raise money toward the erection of the TAYLOR MEMORIAL LIBRARY at Franklin Springs, Ga.

Every alumnus of either of our church schools are urged to send his name and one dollar (membership fee) to Miss Virginia Elliott as early as possible.

The association plans an annual meeting during the Lake City Camp Meeting. The month of July has been designated as the time for the special drive for the Taylor Memorial Library. Every Emmanuel Alumnus is being asked to send \$25.00 for this purpose and others send as much as possible.

Please every one who has at any time attended either of our church schools sit down today and send your name and address with \$1.00 to Miss Virginia Elliott, R. F. D., 1 Pinewood, S. C., and you will become a full fledged member of the South Carolina Conference Chapter of our joint alumni association.

New Secretary- Treasurer Elected

Miss Virginia Elliott, of Pinewood, S. C., is the new Secretary and Treasurer of the Conference P. H. Y. S. Her address is: R. F. D. 1, Pinewood, S. C.

Please send all of your P. H. Y. S. dues direct to this new address. Do not send any more to Miss Leona Causey.

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THE GREATEST TASK IN THE KINGDOM

The general attitude of the church and the meager consideration given to Evangelism as a divine office, by the administration suggests without question, that evangelism is held in minimum esteem in comparison to the pastoral office.

It goes without saying that the position of the pastor is considered the most important calling of the church. At first glance this might appear to be an over statement. But when the varied duties, multiple demands, and proplexing problems involved in the pastors office are brought into consideration it is easy to see that it takes a greater, more versatile, better qualified man to be a pastor than any other office in the church of Jesus Christ.

It is true that Jesus threw out a darling challenge to every laborer to look out upon the golden harvest field. And he was want to portray himself as the good Shepherd, leaving the ninety and nine safe in the fold to go out and seek the one lamb that was gone astray. He further brought heaven into play by saying that there is more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner that repenteth than over ninety and nine just person who need no repentance.

But when Jesus had carried home to the hearts of His followers through the utilization of the facinating, emotional appeal of the call of the harvest, He then took the twelve aside and discussed at length the realistic problems of feeding the lambs and sheep. Hear Him as He talks to Simon Peter. He is saying in other words: "Simon, the task of feeding the sheep is a great one and no man can properly feed them unless he is possessed of a passionate love for Christ and has within his bosom the tender, understanding care of a "shepherd's heart."

Not only is the task of a pastor the most difficult of all professions, it is the hardest to learn. In fact it is at best a process through which one is continually passing, and never quiet arriving. Like all other professions there are the schools of training in which the young preacher learns to be a pastor. Or the examining board which tries him with hard questions and sends him out with his credentials ready to pastor a church. Not until he has wrought havoc with the flock and finds his sheep dying for food does he realize the gigantic task of shepherding the people of God.

Observing these suggestions in view of the present, prevailing circumstances in the S. C. Conference, we are ready to conclude that the paramount need of the hour is good pastors. The high pressure evangelist blazes across the sky like a meteor for a moment and does a great job, but it is the pastor who sets the pace and gets down in the crowd and really "walks with the man in the road." It is the pastor who teaches the young christians how to walk. It is the pastor who listens to his tales of woe, and weeps when he is sad and rejoices when he is glad. It is the pastor who has to assume the role of the peace maker. He is called upon when the wedding bells ring. He is the one who leads the funeral march. There is no field with a wider range of tasks, no calling that demands quiet so much of one man. His time is never his own, when he makes his plans he must do it with every member of his church in mind. His congregation reserves the undisputed right to make his personal and private affair their own. He is one day given every consideration and attention befitting his office and the next he is left alone to be the janitor of the church.

Perhaps the greatest single problem that the pastor has to deal with is the everlasting sameness or monotony that is forever trying to develop in his church program. He must be constantly on the alert for new methods, and change that will keep the tide moving and the interest prevailing.

There is further the constant danger of a conflict of patterns arising from an improper correlation between pastor and congregation. Upon this one principal rests the possible future progress of our conference.

The 1944 year book reveals that the S. C. Conference consist of 75 churches, with less than half of these supporting a full time pastor. Some of these churches are more than 25 years old and havn't gained and average of one new member a year since they were organized.

The question then is immediately forth coming, who is responsible and why such a stalemate. I for one will vindicate the church. It is not her fault, for no church can successfully rise to any appreciately degree above the pastor. It will be observed further that every church that has ever made any real progress has done so through the labors of one or more great and good pastors. It follows then without any deliberation that the church is small because the pastor is small. The pastor grows first and the church grows up around him. The fact cannot be refuted that every great church is tied into the life and labors of a great man.

There is the constant cry that the small church cannot support a full time pastor. If this is the case I would like to know whose responsibility it is and what is the possibility of saving the church from perpetual stagnation.

Again the index finger points toward the pastor. He must become the stepping stone, He must revolutionize the church's pattern of thinking, he must be first partakers of the fruit, he must write upon their conscience and into their very life a new and better system, he must create within them a vision of greater things, and teach them by long arduous, dogged persistence that it is just as easy to do business on a big scale as a small one and much more practical.

If each of us pastors of the S. C. Conference would take our seat with Simon Peter as he sat at the master's feet long ago and hear again those searching words: "Simon,

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"This Man Receiveth Sinners"

By H. P. Robinson

We are indebted to the Pharisees of Jesus day for this most fitting tribute to Christ. They did not intend it as a compliment, or a tribute but it was rather spoken in derision and contempt for the unorthodox manner in which Jesus was identifying himself with the hated publicans and sinners.

We may be sure that the countenance of Jesus beamed with delight when he was told that the Pharisees were accusing him of receiving sinners. To him this was the epitome of his mission to earth. It is a miniature picture of the length and breadth of the gospel cause. Jesus, himself putting it in other words, exclaimed: "For this cause came I into the world." All of the combined ingenuity of every theologian from Gamaliel to Thomas Aquinas could not construct a more perfect, concise all inclusive statement of the purpose of the Nazarene's visit to this world than this casual, supposed insult flung at Jesus by the men who hated him. "This man receiveth sinners."

The hope of Adams race hangs upon that one statement, for that reason "the morning stars sang together and clapped their hands for joy." The blood of every slain victim on the Jewish altars from righteous Able's to the passover lamb that was slain for the last supper in the upper room in Jerusalem, was heralding the greatest news that was ever born from one planet to another. The news that a prodigal, sinning world was dying to hear, the news that "This man receiveth sinners."

Mary, the chosen of God, the blessed among women, sat in humble meditation while the arch-angle thrilled her soul with the words, "Thou shalt bring forth a son and shalt call his name Jesus for he shall save his people from their sins."

He was called a prophet, a priest, a king, he was addressed as master, Messiah, and Lord but the greatest honor conferred upon him was the day they accused him of receiving sinners.

He spoke as never man spoke, and at his voice the raging sea lay down at his feet with a great calm. He turned water to wine

and fed the multitude on fish and bread but he only came into his own when he spoke to the wretched outcast with the words "thy sins be forgiven thee."

He opened blinded eyes, unstoppered deaf ears, healed all manner of diseases, he touched the lepers rotting flesh and made him whole, he cooled the fever and loosed many from the jaws of death. He made the lame man to leap as the heart and cast the devils out of the man in the tombs, but he was speaking the true language of his heart and revealing the touch stone of his mission to earth when he said to the woman "Go and sin no more."

He entered into the jocular spirit that attended the wedding feast at Cana of Galilee but the happiest moments of His life was when he saw Zacchaeus up the sycamore tree and cried, Come down thou sinning tax collector, "today I must abide at thy house."

He smiled and was pleasantly pleased when the little children sat upon his knee and played about his feet but a greater joy was seen shining in his eyes as he beheld the woman of Sychar running down the street with the message, "Come see a man that told me all things that ever I did, is not this the Christ." Truly he rejoiced with the widow whose son he raised to life, but there was greater rejoicing in heaven when he cast seven devils out of Mary Magdalene. He was certainly acting the part of a prince as on Palm Sunday, he rode into Jerusalem on the colt. But he was never more kingly than when he stood on the square and cried to a dying city, "If any man thirst let him come unto me and drink."

Yes, let the angels sing it, let the cherubins clap their hands, let the seraphims play it on their harps of gold, let the sleeping saints rise out of the graves, let mother Eve proclaim to all her offspring, let Able, Enoch, Noah bear it on until the servile toilers in Egypt's brick yards heart until Miriam, Deborah, and David rise and sing it, until Heaven, earth, and hell shall hear it, until even the prodigals in the far country hear and comes home, until backsliders, harlots, drunkards, thieves, gamblers hear it, until the whole earth shall reverberate with the glad news, until every blade of grass, the leaves on every tree, the petal of every flower, the song of every bird bears it onward, until it rides the bosom of every wave and touches every shore, until it is whispered in every breeze and

Training School Great Success

The Youth movement of the S. C. Conference has just passed another milestone in its spectacular progress towards becoming a mighty force for good in the earth.

The annual training school closed its fourth consecutive term, Saturday June 22. The enrollment including ministers was near the 150 mark. Certificates were awarded to 120. In many respects this was the greatest training school we have had so far.

There were four students who were granted diplomas by virtue of their having attended every year since the training school was organized. They were, Cathrine Patterson, Lucile Quick, Lilly Barnhill and Melton Guerry.

Perhaps the most effective feature of the school was the evangelistic services conducted each evening in the large conference tabernacle. Rev. C. B. Bigby was the invited evangelist. Almost every service was attended by copious showers of blessings. In one service alone there were 9 young people who were filled with the Holy Spirit. A very conservative estimate holds that there were more than 30 definite experiences in the meeting.

is echoed by every dew drop. Sing it, preach it, tell it again and again, until every heart is glad, and every tear is wiped away, on and on let it go as long as eternity shall roll and until the blood washed pilgrims have made the stratosphere their eternal abode.

Tell this glorious news that "This man receiveth sinners."

New Financial System Adopted

The Annual Convention adopted unanimously a new financial system for the ensuing conference year. It is the tithing system. Each local society will send a tithe of all money received into its treasure, with the exception of special offerings for orphanage or for the P. H. Y. S. President. This system will place every society whether financially strong or weak upon the same basis or rather harmonize each ones financial obligation with their financial strength.

The Convention pointed out that by whole-hearted cooperation with this program the P. H. Y. S. can support a full-time President.

Pentecostal Showers At Florence

The greatest revival in the history of the Florence church has just come to a wonderful climax with shouts of victory still reverberating in the hearts of all those who attended. The meeting was conducted by Rev. R. E. Powers with the Manley sisters in charge of the singing. There was no long prelude of getting the church ready for the revival, the church was ready when the evangelist arrived and from the very first service the revival was on. For three weeks it continued with spectacular success. In almost every service souls were definitely blessed. There were 33 saved, 17 sanctified and 9 baptized with the Holy Ghost. A total of 59 experiences with nine new additions to the church.

Rev. Powers and the Manley sisters were certainly at their very best. The church voted unaminously to have this evangelistic party again next year.

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son of Jonas, lovest thou me more than these," and if in reply we can say with Borjona "Lord thou knowest all things and thou knowest that I love thee." If we could take anew that everlasting commission and feel that eternal obligation when he said "Feed my sheep," I am sure that many of our churches who are living on the dreams of yesterday would catch on fire, like the "Burning Bush of Moses." Again, the voice of God would be heard in the midst of the fire and men would turn aside and pull off their sandals feeling that they are on holy ground. Again, the shouts of new born souls would ring out over the country side as the old things pass away and all things become new.

The Heavens Declare The Glory Of God

Dan T. Muse

We are told by the Holy Spirit that "The Heavens declare the Glory of God; and the firmament showeth his handiwork. Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. There is no speech nor language, where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world. In them hath he set a tabernacle for the sun, which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race. His going forth is from the end of the heaven and his circuit unto the ends of it; and there is nothing hid from the heat thereof."

What an encouragement to the Christian in these dark days, when men's hearts are failing them from fear; when men think in terms of atomic bombs, and visualize a wrecked nation over night, and keep people in a state of terror. It is good to get out on a cloudless night and let the heavens speak to you of the Glory of God. Yes, indeed they speak in tones understandable to those who love God. They speak of his glory.

To declare is certainly to make clear, or reveal God's glory to a person. And they speak to skepters and doubters it may be an unintelligible sound, but to the Christian, of whatever language, it is an audible voice that speaks of the glory of God, of the majesty of His being; that the God that controls this vast universe with its billions of stars, and myriads of planets, is the God that tells us "Our times are in His hands." And the God that keeps his vast universe in perfect motion will safeguard the Christian and keep him as the apple of His eye.

The stars are numerless insofar as man is concerned. Possibly multiplied trillions. Our solar system consists of at least the earth, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Meptune and Pluto. Probably other planets, and billions of stars. The earth is said to be 8,000 miles in diameter, and 25,000 miles in circumference, and its weight estimated at some six septillions of tons. I know these astronomical figures stagger my mind also. Jupiter is said to be some 1,300 times larger than the

S. C. Loses Prominent Pastor

Rev. W. V. Elliott, Jr., has resigned his church in Conway, S. C. to go to Vancouver, British Columbia to take up work in the Great Northwest. We regret losing this fine pastor, but we are sure that wherever Wayne and Ruby go they will give a good account of themselves, and we are happy that we can send such a fine couple to serve the church out there.

earth; and saying nothing of the other planets.

Take a look at the sun as it travels through space as a Bridegroom coming out of his place and with a circuit unto the ends of heaven. The sun is said to be 1,300,000 times larger than the earth, and is supposed to be 886,000 miles in diameter. And the speed at which all the planets and the sun and its vast system travel staggers the imagination.

According to Dr. A. I. Brown, an eminent Christian scientist, the earth on which we are sojourning is taking three trips simultaneously. We are traveling each year some 9,000,000 miles at 1,000 miles per hour around our axis, a trip which is completed every 24 hours; We are at the same time traveling some 500 to 600 million miles at the rate of 19 miles per second; or 68,400 miles per hour around the sun, making the complete trip once every year; and at the same time we are traveling with the sun as it swings around its vast orbit, which we are told requires millions of years to complete.

Think of it, when you get discouraged. My Father is swinging the sun with its vast body full of energy in a circuit that take millions of years to complete at a rate of 400 million miles per year and as a bridegroom he swings all of his retinue with it, the entire solar system.

I am sitting as quietly and serene as a person without a care. Not afraid of any collisions, and as I sit I am traveling 1,000 miles per hour around the axis and 68,400 miles per hour around the sun, and 47,800 miles per hour with the sun. My Father handles the whole thing, and keeps it perfectly timed. Of course He will time everything that may cross my path, and see to it that all things work together for good. I shall trust and not be afraid. And when discouraged get out in the open and let the heavens speak to you of His Glory.

Progressive Measures Adopted by Convention

The Annual Convention opened its first business session, Friday 1:30 P. M., June 21 with Rev. Don S. Whitfield, Regional President, presiding. The enrollment of delegates revealed a very encourageing representation from all parts of the conference.

The convention was presided over with great dignity and masterly precision by Mr. Whitfield and the measures that were adopted show that the young people are agreed upon what they want, and they have expressed them in a set of well defined policies. The convention asked for a full time president, supported entirely by the young people. They further adopted the tithing plan as a systematic method of supporting their president.

The following are the newly elected official board.

H. P. Robinson, President

H. W. Brown, Vice-President

Virginia Elliott, Sec. and Treas.

C. B. Edwards, Board Member

Leo Edwards, Board Member

Miss Leona Causey who has served as Sec. and Treas. for many years, offered her resignation in view of her plans to enter missionary work.

Member Makes Special Request

Dear Bro. Robinson:

I feel very much impressed to write to the Builder and make a special request.

E. J. Hudson of Cheraw, S. C. has been sick for over 2 years with something like a stroke. He is just a young boy and he says that he is sure that the Lord has let this come about to bring him to the Lord. He is not a christian but he is very much interested in your prayers.

This request is for everyone who can and will pray. If it is possible for anyone who reads this to visit this boy and pray with him, he will deeply appreciate it.

Please do not read this request and forget it but pray earnestly for this boys deliverance.

If you feel like writing to him, his address is E. J. Hudson, 16 Stokes St. Cotton Mill, Cheraw, S. C.

Mrs. Roberta Hudson.

Rally Day At Florence

Pastor Cribb announces A Rally Day to be held July 14 at the church in Florence. The purpose of this Rally is to raise money to lift the indebtedness recently incurred by the construction of eight new Sunday School rooms. In addition to the Sunday School rooms a beautiful choir loft has been arranged. A total of \$3,000.00 has been added to the value of the church property by this new addition.

The following are some of the prominent speakers whom we are expecting to have part in the Rally Day: Rev. T. O. Evans, Conference Supt., Rev. R. E. Powers, Ass't. Supt., and Rev. W. L. Patterson. Many of the business men of Florence are also expected to attend and take part in the Rally. For the entertainment of all visitors there will be special music and singing with the chief feature of the day a nice barbecue dinner which will be served about 1:30 P. M. "We are looking for a great time. We are expecting many of our friends from all over the Conference to be present to enjoy the blessings of the Lord with us."

A. M. Cribb, Pastor.

Rev. Paul Hopkins Advertises

Rev. Paul Hopkins, pastor of Savannah Bluff Church, flew his plane over Kingstree, S. C. and dropped hundreds of leaflets upon the unsuspecting city.

No! it was not a horse race, or prize fight, he was advertising but a Pentecostal Holiness Tent Revival. The meeting is at this time running full swing. Rev. G. H. Montgomery and the Manley Sister's are conducting it.

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reported an increase in church membership, did you know that 20 reported a decrease in church membership, and 16 barely held their own, while 9 failed to report. (Don't tell anybody—but the other conferences have the same kind of moles on their luminous countenances.) Brethren, look at these splotches, and I believe we can do something about it. Let's get a revival going—a real honest-genuine 100 per cent pure gold Pentecostal Holiness revival to going and get rid of the splotches. Thanks for looking.