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Superintendent Tom Evans Speaks

Conference Divided Into Three Sections

The South Carolina Conference has been divided into three temporary divisions, as follows:

1. Charleston District
Georgetown District
Charleston Division

2. Lake City District
Rockingham District
Lake City Division

3. Columbia District
Camden District
Columbia Division

Rev. R. E. Powers has been assigned to the Lake City Division. Rev. Carl W. Thurman has been assigned to the Charleston Division, and the Columbia Division is yet to be supplied.

Attention Pastors

The Divisional Supt.'s have been given the go ahead signal by the official board to raise our Conference quota for the general educational Fund.

This money is to be used in the relocation of the Church College and erecting a standard seminary.

Please cooperate with these men when they visit your Church and lets get this drive over as early as possible.

Supt. Evans

RED LETTER DAY AT COOKS CHAPEL

Sunday Oct. 7th was an epoch marking day in the history of the Cooks Chapel Church. Three Men United with the church. For many years this church has operated with the entire official board including the Pastor composed of women.

Since this masculin element has entered the church together with a full time pastor we are expecting Cooks Chapel to claim her place among the good and great.

Vice President Goes To Holmes

The Darlington Church and P. H. Y. C. sustained a great loss when William Welch enrolled as a student at Holmes Bible College.

William was Vice President of the P. H. Y. S., Secretary and Treasurer of the Church also teacher of the Young Men's Intermediate Class in Sunday School.

We hated to give him up and hope that it will only be for a while, when he will be back with us, better prepared to serve in the Vineyard of the Lord.

This vacancy will be hard to fill because young Christian men of his caliber are rare.

Soul Winning Contest

Much has been said about contests in the various fields of the church work. Prizes have been offered to inspire interest. I have heard of prizes being offered for raising money for increasing Sunday School attendance, for subscriptions to the church paper and for about everything under the sun but I have never heard of anyone putting on a soul winning contest and offering a prize to the person who wins the most souls to Jesus Christ. Do you think that if someone were to offer a suit of clothes or a cash prize that it would be any incentive to the preachers and laymen to work harder in the field of soul winning? I wonder if the official board would consider this a worth while project? Or would they be afraid to invest money in this endeavor. They have attempted about every other kind of project. This seems to be about all that is life to do. So why doesn't somebody suggest it.

OFFICIAL BOARD MEETS

At the second meeting of the Official Board, plans were made for getting under way with the October seasonal drive for education. The board of Home Missions with the approval of the official board granted loans for the completions of the churches at Manning, Chester and Rock Hill.

Cooperation Is The Basic Rule To Complete Success

After having such a wonderful Camp Meeting and Conference which brought to a close one of the most progressive years of our history, we are now beginning to settle down to our tasks and get adjusted to our new assignments. There were several important changes made in the administrative program of our conference this year. You may be sure that everything that was done was done in an effort to promote the cause and advance the kingdom of Christ in the South Carolina Conference.

The Sunday School

Carl W. Thurman
In the past ten years the Sundays lost over 1,500,000. In the past ten years as increased to an alarming extent among children of the Sunday School age. HAS IT JUST HAPPENED, OR IS THERE A REASON FOR IT?

PASTORS! How many members of your Church never attended any Sunday School until after they were saved? Few, if any; perhaps one in a thousand. DOES IT JUST HAPPEN, OR IS THERE A REASON FOR IT?

In New York City 100,000 couples live together unmarried, and there are 5,000,000 there who have no Church associations. In this same city a survey shows: 7,000 children arrested, 5,000 cases of neglected children brought to court, and 1,200,000 children untaught in any religion. DID IT JUST HAPPEN, OR IS THERE A REASON FOR IT? NO, IT DIDN'T JUST HAPPEN; THERE ARE REASONS FOR IT!

1. The Sunday School is the seed bed of the Church, but it has been woefully neglected by the Keepers of God's vineyard.

2. The Christian Churches of the United States have sat idly by, like mutes and weaklings, while the business world has introduced devilish schemes to be executed on Sunday. These schemes are direct blows aimed at the Sunday School. viz Sunday movies, Sunday baseball games, public bathing, beach attractions, and many others.

Consider the turtle, my Brother; he makes no progress until he sticks his neck out.

I am aware of the fact that it will take some time to get adjusted to our new program but if there is a willingness to work on the part of every Pastor we can overcome any obstacle and make success of our new program.

I appeal to all Pastors, Evangelist, mission workers and churches to cooperate in an all out effort to surpass anything we have ever done. We do not want to contend with any other conference for supremacy but we want to be our own competitor. We want to out do our own self.

We are going to be put to a financial strain to meet our quota to the General Budget, but I am sure that by faithful cooperation we can go over the top.

I also want to urge each Pastor to begin now to slate your Evangelists for the entire year, set a goal. Adopt an ideal and strive to reach it. We want to specialize in spirituality. Let us pray, fast and labor until we have an old time Pentecostal revival in every church this year. Do you think it would be asking too much for us to double our membership this year Our God is able if we will put our heart in the work and trust Him.

The month of October has been designated to the seasonal drive for education and the task of raising this money has been given to the Divisional Superintendent I insist that each Pastor cooperate with these men in helping to raise this money.

The Divisional Superintendents are on the field full time and they are required to raise through free will offerings at least half of their salary so it is very necessary that the Pastors take care of these Superintendents when they visit their churches.

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EDITORIAL

The conference is over. The lights are out around the Camp Ground. Almost one hundred preachers of the South Carolina Conference has gone out from the greatest camp meeting and conference of our history to their various fields of labor. Some have gone rejoicing to their former charge. Soul with misgiving, and curiosity not knowing what to expect. And others have gone out disappointed and discouraged, because they did not get what they wanted. But nevertheless they have gone out, to succeed or fail to win or lose. Theirs is a great cause, an eternal obligation. They all are men of destiny, commissioned to read the oracles of God, to interpret the Capitols of Eternal Verities written in God's Book, and across the sky, and teach to the common man, that he too may see and live.

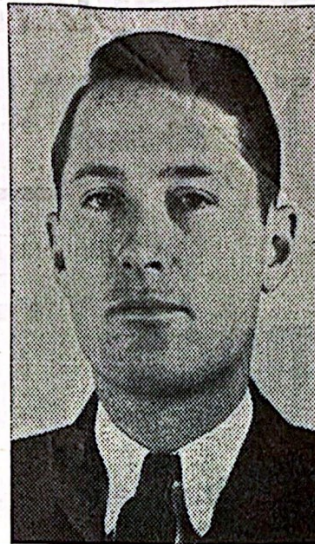
PEACE YET DESTRUCTION

The second World War is history. The dove of peace has once again spread her white wings out across a battle weary, sin ridden world. That outburst of hilarious joy and excitement that attended the first days of victory has subsided. The world today finds herself floundering in the muddy, murky backwaters that naturally follow such deluge of bloodshed. In those darkest days of war we prayed, longed and hoped for peace. We had the feeling that when peace returned our troubles would be over. We would be living in a veritable Utopia, with prosperity and fortune vieing with each other for the companionship of the common man. To us back there it was a prize worth fighting for. Nothing was too dear to seem an unreasonable price to pay for peace.

The full price in human blood was paid. We have arrived at what appeared to be so gloriously promising a few years ago.

Now, that we have what we fought for, we are almost persuaded to call it an optical illusion. It is not what it seemed to be in the distance. We find that at its best it is fraught with ten thousand dangers more subtle, deceptive and destructive than those of war.

Eternity alone will reveal the part the Church played as a deciding factor in the culmination of this conflict. It is true that when honor medals are passed out and purple hearts are pinned on the breast of the brave, that no one will think to pin one on the breast of the Church. She will be taken for granted and passed up as an incidental factor in it all. But the final score has not been counted. The books are yet to be balanced. The prayers of the Church throughout this long and awful conflict have continually stood before God as a memorial and we may be sure that the invisible hand of the Church marked upon many a sand table on foreign battlefield. In a word, without the influence of the Christian Church paganism would have won this war.



The New Editor

It is the plan of the management to put the paper in the mail by the middle of each month so it will be necessary for all news to be in the hands of the Editor by the first. Immediately upon the receipt of this issue please send all news that you wish to go in the December issue to Box 243, Darlington, S. C.

If by any chance you like the Builder you may feel free to tell everyone. But in the event you do not like the paper please tell the Editor.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

A memorial service was conducted for James David Player, the son of Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Player, at the Bamberg church, Sunday October 1st. Rev. Players son was killed in action in May 1945 in the Pacific Theater of war. The Rev. T. O. Evans, Conference Superintendent; Rev. A. M. Cribb of Florence and the Rev. C. B. Edwards of Sumter took part in the service.

WEDDING BELLS

Wedding Bells rang for Miss Novaline Weaver and Mr. Willard Davis, Sunday night, October 14, 1945. Both Miss Weaver and Mr. Davis are from Darlington, S. C. Miss Weaver has been recently discharged from the WAC's. She is a member of the Darlington P. H. Y. S. Congratulations; Best wishes and everything.

BI-ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The Bi-Annual Conference of the Woman's Auxiliary of the S. C. Conference will meet with the Darlington Church Jan. 1, 1946. Plan now to be present. Further details later.

Tribulation, famine, wars, bloodshed are nothing new to the Church. Her character shines brightest when reflecting against the background of a fiery furnace. Her triumph is surest when her shouts are mingled with the roars from the den of lions.

It is not in the days of trial that the Church is in her greatest peril, but rather in the days of peace and prosperity. These are days of peace but they are dangerous days. There is nothing less than a message of sanctification and Pentecost that will stem the tide of a pleasure mad world. And save her from utter destruction.

Attention Pastors, P. H. Y. S. Presidents And Reporters

Please send all correspondence to the Builder, whether it be news or otherwise to: H. P. Robinson, Box 243, Darlington, S. C.

We welcome news, criticism, suggestions, corrections and any other contribution that will promote the Cause and stimulate the prestige and status of the Builder. Thanks.

NOTICE TO P. H. Y. S. PRESIDENT

You will be notified in the near future as to your financial obligation to the Conference P. H. Y. S. treasurer. When you learn your quota, please send it by the first of each month to Miss Leona Causey, Star Route 5, Conway, S. C. It is gratifying to receive so many cards and letters from the pastors, pledging their support and cooperation. We will be expecting to hear from each of you on or before November 1st, in the form of your contributions to the P. H. Y. S. treasurer.

Remarks Heard Around The Church

To be a good leader one must be able to get the other fellow to do one's work. Tut! Tut! Brother! Isn't it a blessing we are not all leaders.

Off The Record

Christians! Did you ever stop to realize that the ears of those non-Christian people are protruding at just the right angle to catch every word you say that would be better never spoken? I know!

You can't catch a sinner with a barbed tongue. That is the devils favorite instrument.

Report of Committee On Conference Projects

We, your committee on projects submit the following

1. That we remodel the kitchen and decorate the dining room.
2. That we buy a large bell for the campus.
3. That we buy electric fans for the tabernacle.

Signed: Mrs. J. L. Wall
 Mrs. C. H. Culclasure
 Mrs. W. P. Hopkins

Anyone wishing to comment on "Off the Record," send all remarks to Anonymous, Cfs. The Editor. He might print the good ones.

The Churches Answer To The Devils Ultimatum . . .

Silver and Gold have I none—
Act, 3:6.

I am rich and increased in
goods and have need of nothing.
Rev. 3:17.

1. The church on fire.
2. The church in action.
3. The church making good her claims.
4. The church in disrepute.
5. The church making her last stand.

This is the testimony of the church in her infancy and in her old age. In these statements she is giving the verdict of her own status. It is a declaration occasioned by an emergency or rather under the pressure of a great crisis. In the first she is not lamenting her poverty. But in the second she is gloating over her treasures. In the first she is minimizing material wealth in comparison to eternal values. In the second she has lost her vision, reversed her system of ideals and bartered her passion for pennies and her power for gold.

At first she is seen walking with the man in the road, lending to him a helping hand. At the last she has taken her seat in the Balcony to watch the rest of the world go by.

From the context of the first selection we observe, that Jesus had just taken his departure from this earth to God's right hand. From Olivet's summit he had left a group of disconsolate disciples, with an eternal commission ringing in their ears. "Go up to Pentecost and when you have received the promise of the father, go out and make disciples of all men." You have a panacea for the world's ills. Go out and bear the message of life and salvation to a sin-ridden world, go out and heal their sick, unstop their deaf ears, open their hidden eyes, cause their lame to walk, and preach the gospel to the poor.

The first part of the text under consideration, features two of those men to whom Jesus spake at Olivet. They had gone to Pentecost and had received the Baptism of the Holy Ghost. They are now on their way to church but as they go they hear a voice. It is a voice in need. The voice of a lame man. Behold him in his infirmity, bound down by his affliction, looking up to passers by, asking for alms. To those two men he appealed and they in turn beholding him said: look on us. We have no money, no silver and gold but we do have a treasure

that you need. You don't need What you need is a personal contact with Jesus Christ. So taking him by the hand, Peter cried, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. He lifted him up and immediately his ankle bones received strength, and he leaping up, stood and walked and entered with them into the temple walking, leaping and praising God. It had been a long time since anybody had shouted in that temple. Yes, it had been a long time since anybody had been healed or saved in that temple. It was a great shock to those church people to see some one shouting around as if they had gone mad. Here was a man who had something to shout about.

This miracle and bold stand of Peter and John was an open rebuke to the cold formalism and conventionalities of the religious leaders of that day. The devil was not going to take this lying down. Immediately the early church was set upon by every power in earth and hell to obliterate her and make void her claims and testimony. Every diabolical scheme that could be devised by the devil and his cohorts was destined to unleash its fury upon the church. Earth and hell combined to blot her name out of existence. But the church could not be destroyed. They had failed to reckon with the words of the great Head of the church when he said; "Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

It is true that there has been times that her voice was faint and her step feeble but ever onward she has marched. From that far off day since those twelve men turned away from Mount Olivet to face a cold and unkind world she went out on a mission never to come in again till her work was done and the Bridegroom comes for his bride.

At first the devil set the Roman Government against the church, but let's see what happens when the church and Government measure arms. The church, in the person of Paul stands before Felix, and "Felix trembled." It stood before Agrippa and he cried, "Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian." When Paul the aged was writing his last letters, he said in substance; Some of Caesars own household salute thee.

The next attack was through ceremonialism and conventionality, here the devil was almost successful. The church has at times had to change her methods, violate every conventionality, burst

aside the bars of tradition to money you don't need wealth. save her life and to keep the fires burning on her altars. But she has spared no sacrifice and considered no price to great to maintain her integrity.

The time finally came when the Roman Catholic church aspired to political ascendancy in Government. When this happened the church died spiritually, men paid money to sin, the bible was a closed book. But suddenly in the darkest hour of that paganism, a young monk had a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. Leaping from his knees, with his soul aflame, and his tongue touched with a coal and fire from God's altar, he snatched the smoldering embers from the ungodly hands of church leaders and immediately became blazing faggots that found a ready response in a million hungry hearts all over Europe.

Once again the voice of the church was heard crying in the wilderness, once again the poor had the gospel preached to them.

Then came the age of reason, cold lifeless reason, an age when faith was discounted and religion was trite. The church soon succumbed to this falsehood, but not all, at that most crucial hour when the church had lost her way in the dark and her leaders no longer pointed men to calvary as the only remedy for sin. I see three men rising up out of the earth, they look like giants against the horizon, their voice is as the sound of many waters. The church was skeptical she closed her doors against them, but out by Aldersgate, John Wesley began to cry. Down by the race track George Whitefield was sounding the trumpet, the echoes of their voices were gathered up in the beautiful strains of music as Charles Wesley began to sing, "Jesus lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly." All England began to listen, it was soon across the English Channel and atheistic Europe came to life. Out across the trackless Atlantic it rode the billows till up and down the coast from Maine to Florida the voice of those mighty evangelists were heard and the Doctrine of Holiness was firmly established in this new world.

The Doctrine of John Wesley (Sanctification as a second definite work of Grace) is the foundation stone of our movement today. It is generally agreed that we are Methodisms children and we are proud of our Heritage. But, I often wonder since we have gone a step farther if our mother is ashamed of us. It may be true that our Mother wants to call us

training leaves the greatest impression on a child and we owe a black sheep. But you know early our first inspiration to Methodism, our Mother. She taught us how to shout and rejoice, so please don't reprimand us when we get noisy with out Sanctification. And may the Lord pity a parent who disowned and is ashamed of her own offspring.

There has never been a generation when the church did not have to struggle against the odds, but conflict, sweat and blood are obstacles upon which the Church thrives.

I behold her as she marches across the ages, "terrible as an army with banners." Many has been her conflicts, her wounds are sore, her visage is marred by the toils of the road. But her strength is unabated as onward she marches on her mission of destiny.

Her followers have shed enough blood to redden the waves of every sea, and enough tears to make a river like the Great Father of waters. She has suffered enough torture and affliction to make the angels weep. But never has she given up the fight. When her mouth was stopped she picked up her pen and began to write. They put John Bunyon in prison because of his religion, they said they would stop his mouth, but tonight those who put Bunyon there are dead and belong to the past, but the book he wrote while there is a living monument to the eternal ages. Nero put Paul in jail to stop his mouth and today millions read what Paul wrote while there, and while "Nero lavished on his throne Paul languished in his prison but today men call their dogs Nero and name their children Paul."

It is 1945 the old world has just emerged from the bloodiest war on her history. Tonight the innocent murdered millions of every land are silent I wonder did the church do her part for them. Groggy, wounded and bleeding this old world staggers off of a horrible battlefield, the greatest nightmare we have ever lived through is passing into the yesterdays. She is like the man who fell among thieves, or the lame man sitting at the gate in the long ago, she needs somebody to teach her to walk, she is lame, she is sick unto death, the death rattle is in her throat. Scientists went to their aid on the battlefield, they devised guns, planes, ships and finally atomic bombs. Out there might was the deciding factor. But now she is suffering from a disease that the scientist

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cannot cure, the atomic bomb cannot remedy it. Yes she is ill, mentally, morally and spiritually. Her sons and daughters have gone out after the gay lights and the night life. Her fathers and mothers have torn down the family altars and have climbed upon the band wagon, heading for destruction. Juvenile delinquency has hit an all time high. The night air is defiled with the vulgar persons breaking up from the ten thousands dives of evil, beer gardens, dance halls, gambling hells and slave markets.

What is the church going to do? She is standing at the crossroads with the greatest task of her history lying at her door. The war was upon her before she realized the emensity of her task. Her sons and daughters were carried off to war. Soon they began to call upon the church for help. The church had money and wealth but the dying soldier did not want that. He wanted someone to stand by his side, hold his hand and point him to the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. The church was rich but powerless.

On one occasion the Pope took Thomas Aquinas into the church as Rome and showed him her coffers full of gold and the fabulous wealth of her mighty Empire. The Pope remarked, "Well, Thomas the church does not have to say silver and gold have I none." Quick as a flash Thomas Aquinas replied, "Neither can she say in the Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk." but pews are empty. Her preachers are great orators but their message is void of power.

But thank God that is not the whole story, here and there a few have seen the handwriting on the wall. They are rising up and calling to the church to make her last stand.

I was in a college class room some time ago, and heard a Professor say nobody has enough religion now to die for it. Twelve months hardly passed before from across the sea came the story of eleven Lutheran ministers who were lined up before a German firing squad. These men wouldn't sell out. As Germans raised their guns these men joined hands and sang,
Oh God our help in ages past
Our hope in years to come
Our refuge from the stormy blast
And our eternal home.

Martin Neimoler who would not sell his soul to Hitler was thrown into prison, there he groveled till Patton some months ago set him

free. While three of Hitler's preachers came to him and said, "Why are you in here?" Quick as a flash came back the answer, "Why are you not in here?"

The world is looking for a face in which they can look up and see confidence. Listening for a voice of authority, reaching for a hand that does not tremble, to lead them out of this mess. Can the church do this? Not until she has a revival. The church must go back to Pentecost and get a new Baptism of fire, she must go back and tarry until the power falls. Then she can speak with the tongues of flame, only then can she go out and say to the lame man rise up and walk.

I know that modernism is rampant in the land and that Christianity and the Church has been placed on the same basis as other religions. But when the show down comes I believe that the Church will give her old battle cry of the ages and go out to seal her testimony with her own blood. When the last word is said the Church will be saying it.

The sun may turn to sack cloth of hair, the moon may become blood, but in the midst of that darkness the Church will be making a last stand. Dictators may rise and fall, wars may rage until earth is a welter of blood, and chaos reigns as black as midnight, but in the midst of that holocaust of destruction the Church will be making her last stand, reaching down with her hand to a lost world and with the other pointing upward to the Lamb of God, the only hope and refuge. She will stand there 'till civilization goes to pieces beneath her feet, then she will bid this old world one long farewell and go to her home beyond the clouds.

THE ADVOCATE SUBSCRIPTION DRIVE

Our goal for the next six weeks is to raise 500 subscriptions for the Advocate from the Women's Auxiliary of the S. C. Conference. The local Auxiliary who gets the most subscriptions will be awarded a prize at the Bi-Annual Conference to be held Jan. 1, 1946. We now have 203. Send all subscriptions to Mrs. C. W. Thurman, 27 Sheppard St., Charleston, S. C.

NOTICE

At the request of the Ladies Auxiliary a page will be reserved in this paper each month for reports of their activities. Since Mrs. Carl W. Thurman is Editor of this page, it will be more satisfactory and convenient for all news to be sent direct to her. Please have all news in the hands of the editor by the first of every month.

THE POET'S CORNER HEART'S BALM

Hearts are strangs, yet wonderful things,
This part of man that God wants most.
If they are small shriveled and bitter,

All hedged in by a monstrous ghost,
Self and self interest fill every part,

Their eyes of these hearts blind with lust.
Live in darkness, breathe mold foul air,
Their ideals low never leaving earth's dust.

They feel all body and so little soul.

Their body feed well, the soul they starve,
Thus they stumble, fall, live like beasts,

With no soul upon which God can carve.

'Twas for man with hearts like this,

That Jesus died - bearing their shame,

His heart was broken, in anguish torn,

And his, not their's that suffered blame.

Oh wonderful, matchless, gift of God's love!

Taking note of man's sinful plight,

Willingly, gladly, taking man's place,

A covering for sins from God's sight.

He opened the fountain for sinful hearts,

To plunge-be washed white as snow,

Be broken, melted, molded a new,

Go on into God's fullness to know.
Praise God for this fountain now flowing!

This healing and life giving tide,
The vilest of sinner 'tho you may be,

May enter, your sins there to hide,
You'll arise and be a new creature,

Find your heart expanding and sweet.

The sunlight of love filling your soul—

Ah! Monstrous self will meet sure defeat.

No need to stumble, or grope in the night,
God's Son walketh with you always,

To lead, sustain, and give perfect peace,

No matter how long be your days.
Your heart may be broken in sorrow,

Feel completely beyond a repair,
Yet hearts crushed, torn and sore,
Find in Jesus a healing most rare.

He knows our every heart ailment

For his, felt the same long ago,
In Him made perfect, and finished,

This healing for hearts has it's flow.

Let's yield Him our heart as we walk,

Be the road long, stoney and steep.

His image to carve on heart tablets clear,

ANOTHER BRICK CHURCH GOING UP

...Pisgah is coming to the front. The Pastor, Rev. C. B. Edwards reports plans being made to brick veneer the church and build new Sunday School rooms.

HOPKINS GOES BACK TO SAVANNAH BLUFF

Rev. Paul Hopkins was relieved of his appointment to the Divisional Superintendency at the first meeting of the Official Board, upon the basis that he did not feel definitely led to the new work and that his work was unfinished at the Savannah Bluff church.

NEW AUXILIARIES

If there are enough women in your church who are interested in a Women's Auxiliary, and you have no one to help you to organize, these women will assist you in their respective districts: Lake City Dist: Mrs. J. L. Wall, Box 472, Lake City, S. C. Camden & Columbia Dist: Mrs. Mary Sue Evans, 534 Fulton St., Sumter, S. C. Rockingham Dist: Miss Hazel Coates, East Laurinburg, N. C. Oak Grove & Georgetown Dist: Mrs. Carl W. Thurman, 27 Sheppard St., Charleston, S. C.

POWERS AT FIORENCE

In the absence of Rev. A. M. Cribb, Rev. R. E. Powers filled his pulpit at the Florence church recently. He reports a glorious outpouring of the Spirit of the Lord in the service. Amen, this is what we need, may we have more of these reports.

FLORENCE RAISES PASTORS SALARY

One of the youngest churches in the conference pays its pastor \$45.00 per week. The church is not yet two years old.

REVIVAL TO BEGIN

The Florence Pastor reports a revival to begin Nov. 1st. Rev. Harry Barthoff, a new comer from the Florida conference is the invited evangelist.

WITH THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY . . .

New Officers For The Year
Pres. Mrs. Carl W. Thurman
Vice Pres. Mrs. J. L. Wall
Sec. & Treas. Mrs. Mary Sue Evans
Members to complete the Board:
Mrs. C. B. Edwards, Miss Hazel Coates

Altho' it may be done as we weep.
This walk grows dearer-ever upward,
Tho air on the heights thrill our soul,
We'll find earth receding-lost to view,
What matters how soon the bell tolls?

In a world of sin and shame, the church needs to bear . . .

SPIRITUAL FRUIT

By Mrs. C. B. Williams*

"The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."—Gal. 5:22,23.

IN VERSES 19, 20 and 21 of this same chapter in Galatians, we have a list of works (or fruits) of the flesh. It's quite an ugly, loathsome picture we see of those who have these works manifest in their lives. But right beside this ugly picture of one who is fulfilling the lust of the flesh stands one clothed in majestic beauty, "living in the Spirit—, being led of the Spirit." You know ugliness is never so ugly as when beauty stands side by side in contrast. Age isn't quite so noticeable until youth stands beside it. Sin seems more sinful and loathsome when holiness draws near and stands erect to condemn it. Fiith and disorder are seen for what they are when one also sees cleanliness and order near by.

Let us notice carefully these fruits of the Spirit as we examine them one by one. They are all monthly, or everbearing, and should be produced abundantly in the lives of every Christian.

LOVE: What a beautiful, sweet desirable fruit! This fruit outlasts time, needs no preserving, for it has within itself a preserving power that is bound up in eternity. It can and does grow to immensity in size, quantity and beauty. It can increase till it's yield is past measuring and is spoken of as, "abounding". If you would have your life bearing this fruit, then you must have Christ as your living source of love. He is Love, and it must be His love flowing into you that in turn blooms and ripens into fruit. If this fruit (or work) of love is borne freely in your life it will be flowing out to the poor, rich, ignorant, learned, high low—oh, it won't matter how God made their body features, or what they amount to in dollars and cents, or the color of their skin. The thing you'll see with the eyes of love is: every human body has within a soul—a never dying soul, and you'll love that soul, and in love's working you'll yearn for the soul's spiritual and material welfare. And love will find a way to reach that soul. "Though I seek with the tongues of men and of angles and have not love, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not love, I am nothing." It doesn't matter how well developed you may feel spiritually, mentally, or physically, if you don't have this fruit called love working in you—remember you are nothing. And God, the world, and the devil know it.

JOY What an exhilarating fruit, a kind of tonic, a bracer. "Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation." Joy is the bucket you draw out the water of salvation with. No wonder some can't draw from the wells of salvation—"they have nothing to draw with, and the wells are deep." This joy is quite different from giggles and grins at wise cracks and antics. It's a deep abiding gladness that sings in the storm—through tears and heartbreak, weal or woe, sickness or health, alone or among the throng. It's springs are found in thankfulness, for the small as well as the great things. It's the ability to see and count your blessings. Our joy is as great as our appreciation of what we possess, and not dependent upon what we don't have. If you'd bear the fruit of joy, start being appreciative and thankful. "Rejoice evermore."

PEACE: What a soothing, quieting, calming fruit. If a poor weary, heavy laden humanity ever needed to pray for peace, it's now. Peace with God and nations, and to be at ease with each other. There's so much unrest even in our national life. It takes absolute confidence in God's wisdom and love to bear this fruit. And if it's working in your heart and life, it will have a calming ef-

fect upon others who are in need of rest. Caleb was able to still, or quiet, the people before Moses, because he had confidence in God, and followed Him fully. You can't bear this fruit apart from confidence in God and complete obedience to Him. When your will becomes His will, and you are sure that His will is best for time and eternity—your every desire, hope and prayer is born for His glory and your eternal good, and the eternal good of others—! then you'll know a calm that's not akin to earth. For he said, "Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you; not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

LONGSUFFERING: We are not very anxious to examine this fruit—it bears the marks of a cross and self-denial. It's nourished by patience, forbearance, love, mercy, forgiveness and many other graces. It's proven under injury and offence, can take abuse, neglect, and hardships without souring. It's branches are not brittle, they don't snap and break under heavy strain, or strong winds of opposition. They may bear scars, and be barked but they will bear weighty fruit that is rare and precious.

GENTLENESS: We all like the appearance, and especially the taste of this fruit. It's a fruit that you'll have to prove to be sure it's genuine. And there's no proving grounds like the home. Some folks bear this fruit (apparently) in abundance in public and especially on Sundays in the Lord's house, but at home it has quite a different flavor and is prickly to the touch. Why the tone of the voice, the move of the hand, or the look of the eye will tell if it's gentleness. Believe it or not—but some preachers aren't bearing this fruit. However, let's not let that fact discourage us in desiring and cultivating this sweetness, delicious fruit. It's really in reach of every true believer, and the human family needs and craves it.

GOODNESS: This is a clear crystal-like fruit, nothing shady or coarse in its texture. The person bearing it is refined in manner and disposition every where, and to everybody, not self-centered. They are good when you're looking, and when no one sees except God, for to them He alone matters in keeping the records.

FAITH: The church needs a bumper crop of faith these days. It needs cultivation and strengthening. Love for, and reading the Word of God will do this. For if thrives on the Word, and confidence in God's Almightyness. It is born of hope, and worketh by love, needing nothing but the Eternal Word of God as security. "Lord increase our faith!"

MEEKNESS: The person bearing this fruit is of great spiritual stature; yet how little in their own sight. It is a crowning virtue a combination of many sweet and mellow graces. It is perfect humility, Perfect quietness of heart. It is never to be grieved or vexed, or irritable, or sore, or disappointed. It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel no resentment done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go in and shut the door, and pray to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble." (Andrew Murry.) The price is great—you'll fill a servant's place—but still we cry for meekness!

TEMPRANCE: Or self control. Here is where you must exercise your free moral agency, to do or not to do. It's the ability to control one's self in eating, drinking, and taking of pleasure. If you fail in this, you'll be barren and unfruitful. Many are they who have eaten, drunk talled and gallivanted themselves into spiritual shadows. They allow self to gad about freely to its every whim, till they are nothing more than slaves to its passions.

Remember there's no law against our being a fruitful Christian, and that it means more than church membership and regular attendance at its services. It goes beyond paying your tithes, visiting the sick, helping the poor, the widows and orphans. Any sinner can do as much. You've yet to go beyond your duty and do so in love. Do we want the Master to come seeking fruit and finding none? Remember the fate of the barren fig tree.

Readjustments Of Pastoral Appointments

Hartsville

At the request of the Lamar Church Rev. F. B. Player resigned his appointment there, and was replaced by the former pastor Rev. J. M. Walters. ev. Walters had been sent to Hartsville for this year. His accepting the vacancy at Lamar necessitated his resigning the church at Hartsville. The Hartsville church has been taken over by Rev. Frank Williams of Darlington. Rev. R. E. Powers, the Divisional Supt. officiated in this adjustment.

Conference News ---

Lake City

At the first meeting of the Official Board at Lake City, ev. Wilbern S. Cox offered his resignation of the Floyds Chapel Church. Acting on the basis of this immediate emergency the Board accepted his resignation, even though it was contrary to the ruling of the Annual Conference regarding pastors resigning work. This vacancy was offered to and accepted by Rev. W. M. McKenzie. Rev. McKenzie came to us as an ordained minister from the Church of God.

Manning

Rev. Howard Atkinson reports progress in the erecting of the new church in Manning. He hopes to be worshipping in the church before winter.

Oak Grove

The parsonage at Oak Grove will soon be ready for the Pastor, Rev. Moorer Cook to move in. We are expecting great things from Oak Grove this year. It is to the advantage of every church to have a resident pastor.

Columbia

Rev. Henry Lemmon moves back to Columbia and resigns the churches at Chester and Rock Hill. The assignment of a pastor to those churches is pending.

Florence

Sgt. B. E. Vause, a former Deacon, Sunday School Superintendent and choir leader of the Florence church now stationed at Alexander, La., visited the church recently and was given a warm reception in the form of a fine fish fry sponsored by the P. H. Y. S.

Notice

It has been reported that the church directory of the State paper still runs Rev. R. O. Corvin as pastor of the Pacific Church. Do you suppose this could be corrected?

The Infallible Cure For Strong Drink

And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit. Eph. 5:18.

What a text from which to preach a temperance sermon! It not only forbids the evil, but also prescribes the cure. In wine is excess (the American Version says riot); but in the Spirit of God there is power, purity, and strength to live a holy and righteous life. No one ever knew a Spirit-filled Christian to be a drinker of alcoholic beverages. This is a grand recommendation for the Pentecostal religion.

Drunkards go to excess in everything. Their singing is ribald; their conversation is unclean; their companions are generally immoral; their exhilaration is false; their imaginations are deceptive; their very existence is unnatural; and their minds are unbalanced. Think of the difference in a Spirit-filled man's rejoicing. "So do not be senseless, but understand what is the Lord's will; and never get drunk with wine—that means profligacy—; but be filled with the Spirit, converse with one another in the music of psalms in hymns, and in songs of the spiritual life; praise the Lord heartily with words and music, and render thanks to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ at all times and for all things." (Moffatt on the text).

When a man is drunk, the devil comes as near to controlling him completely as is possible in human experience. When one is filled with the Holy Spirit, God is in just as complete control. On the day of Pentecost, the ignorant Jews said the disciples were drunk on new wine, for they did not have enough spiritual discernment to recognize the operations of the Holy Spirit. They knew the 120 disciples were completely controlled by some extraordinary power; so, not knowing God, and knowing something at least about the effects of wine, they jumped at the conclusion that they were drunk, so completely were they controlled by God's Spirit.

A drunkard once said to a temperance lecturer, "It is all very well for you to talk about the evils of strong drink, but what have you to say about this burning thirst in my breast?" Our answer to all such is given in these blessed words; and it is an answer that is sufficient "Be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess, but be filled with the Spirit." Those filled with God's Spirit will never want strong drink.

—The Advocate

REVIVAL AT BENNETTSVILLE

Rev. Chavis reports a very successful revival at his Church. There were twenty two souls brought to Christ — James Goude was the Evangelist.

Orphanage Offering Asked for Thanksgiving

Falcon, N. C. — Rev. A. C. Holland, superintendent of Falcon Orphanage, has called attention to the fact that for many years it has been the practice of the Church to give a special "thank offering" to the orphanage. This year, there is a special reason for being thankful, and, incidentally a special need for a good offering at the orphanage.

Brother Holland says, "The budget plan of giving ten percent present plan doesn't accomplish much more than it has so far." (By "the present plan" the superintendent refers to the general budget plan of giving ten percent of the local church income to the support of all departments of the work.)

Brother Holland continues his statement as follows: "Various orphanages all over the land for years have asked their people to contribute at least one day's wages at Thanksgiving time to the orphanage of their choice. Such a practice in our Church would finance the orphanage, and enable us to build the best orphanage in the land. It would easily bring in \$100,000 each year. If we get only our proportionate part of the 10 per cent, the orphanage cannot operate."

THE GREAT REMOVER

It is stated that alcohol will remove stains from summer clothes. This is correct. It will also remove:

The summer clothes.
The winter clothes.
The spring clothes.

The fall clothes, not only from the back of the man who drinks it, but from his wife and children as well.

Alcohol will also remove:

A good reputation.
A man's business.
A man's friends.
A happy look on children's faces.
A prosperous man to a pauper's grave.
A man from the highway of heaven to the road of hell.

—The Gideon.

POWERS SELLS OUT

Rev. R. E. Powers, a Sin blasting Evangelist of long and eminent fame in the South Carolina Conference made another bid for the lime light at the recent annual conference. He was elected as the Assistant Superintendent, also to a Divisional Superintendent position. In order to fully discharge his duty to this capacity he has sold out his cows, hogs and everything pertaining to his farm and plans to move his family to Lake City. This location will place Rev. Powers nearer the geographical center of his territory. He has been given the Superintendency of the Lake City and Rockingham districts.

Remarks Heard While The Preacher Was Praying

Ss-s-t - Look! She doesn't even have on hose and in Church too. (Well at least she was in Church, wasn't she?)

Have some gum? Thanks, I got some!

Bet Mr. and Mrs. So and So are off to the beach again today — they are not here and I have looked and looked. (Who knows—the baby might be sick, better not judge.)

Amen.
I didn't hear a word the preacher said.

Well, sister, I didn't either, for I was listening to the gossips in the congregation.

My mother used to have a farmed verse upon the wall. It read something like this:

"Do nothing you would not wish to be doing when Jesus comes. Speak no word you would not wish to be speaking when Jesus comes. Be in no place where you would not want to be when Jesus comes. Do no deed you would not want to be doing when Jesus comes."

Those words have always lived in my heart and have given me a base for good sound religion.

INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

The Darlington P. H. Y. S. has elected new officials for this conference year. The following were thus honored.

Mattie Julia Williams - President
Elizabeth Parnell - Vice President
Helen Pearce - Secretary
Evelyn Bradshaw - Board Member
Victoria Knotts - Board Member

A very impressive installation service was conducted by the Pastor, with candles, music and everything.

COOPERATION IS THE BASIS TO COMPLETE SUCCESS

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In order to clear up any misunderstanding in regards to the work of the Divisional Superintendent, I shall briefly state their duty.

Each of them has a four fold task to perform. They are to aid Pastors in adjusting any minor difficulty and promote the Sunday School work. In cooperation with the P. H. Y. S. Presidents they are to have the responsibility of promoting the Young Peoples work and make the personal contacts with the local Societies for the President.

Last but not least they are to be the Home Mission Exangelist. These men have a great job. And we are depending on them. Great confidence has been placed in them. Let us get behind them and make this the most coordinated program we have ever had.

Rev. T. O. Evans, Conf. Supt.