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Divisional Supt. Bartholf Reports His Work

I closed a meeting last night at Lancaster. There were ten experiences and three united with the church. I believe they'll be good tithers. Different ones said that there were larger crowds during this meeting than there had been in many years. I tried to knock the devil out of the box, but the people seemed to like it and came back for more.

The Sunday School attendance at Lancaster increased. Their average attendance was around fifty but in three Sundays it jumped up to 123 which is the number that was present last Sunday. The Intermediate class led in the offering with \$17.00 while the card class let in attendance of 35. The total Sunday School offering amounted to \$29.49.

The revival seemed to help in every phase of the church. We organized the Woman's Auxiliary with fifteen members and they are eager to work. They are beautifying the church yards.

We also organized a "Builder Club" and one of the women informed me that she would take it upon herself to order twenty for each time.

I encouraged them to pay their P. H. Y. S. dues to the treasury. Until the last few weeks they did not have but a handful of members and their offerings were small. But I believe they'll do better now. I know they sent \$5.00 to the treasury. Sunday I counted a hundred at P. H. Y. S. They are having a Chicken Supper next Saturday night.

Thomas L. Aaron spoke at the devotional service of the Columbia Quarterly Conference. His subject was "Toils of Warfare." (1st. Chor. 12:33.) It was an inspiring message.

Two Old Pioneers At Ebenezer Church

The Ebenezer Church has decided on Bro. Chavis and Bro. Culclasure as evangelists for their Spring Meeting.

Evangelistic Singers In Conference



Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Waldrop are now engaged in a revival meeting at the Darlington Church. From Darlington they go to Rockingham, N. C.; Sumter, S. C.; and to Columbia, S. C.

They are fine gospel singers and musicians and are of untold value to the church.

Brother Waldrop has recently declined a very attractive offer of another denomination because he feels that it is the Lord's will for him to work with us. We as a Conference are very fortunate to secure these accomplished musicians and christian workers. I am sure that they will never regret their decision the remain with us and that we will see to it that they do not.

Rally Day At Savannah Bluff

Rev. Paul Hopkins, pastor of the Savannah Bluff Church, announced a Rally Day to be held the Second Sunday of May for the purpose of raising funds to complete the new Brick Church that is now under construction.

Rev. T. O. Evans will be the guest speaker in the morning service and the Mayor of the City of Conway will speak in the afternoon.

All of the friends of the church and well wishers of the progress of Christianity are urged to attend this Rally and enjoy this great occasion.

Woman's Auxiliary Has Supper At Hemingway

The Woman's Auxiliary of the Hemingway P. H. Church entertained at a joint meeting of the women and men, Friday night, March 15th, with a barbecue and chicken supper at the home of Mrs. T. T. Rogers.

The men present made a donation of \$27.17 to the ladies which was very much appreciated.

Ladies, if you want the men of your church to become interested in what you're doing, take them out to supper sometime.

Travis McAllister
Sec. and Treas.

Date Changed For Training School

There has been a reconsideration of the date of the Summer Training School by the Board of Education, with special reference to the students who will be attending public schools and will not be out until June 7th. This provides sufficient reason for moving the date back one week. Instead of the 3rd of June the school will open June 10th and continue through the 23rd.

Please note this and begin making plans now to attend.

Eight Students At Emmanuel

The South Carolina Conference is the proud possessor of seven girls and one boy who are attending Emmanuel College and Academy. They are: Lura Belle Hardee, Hemingway, S. C.; Grace and Lois White, Shulerville, S. C.; Anne Marie Motley, Columbia, S. C.; Joyce Gardner, Laurel Hill, N. C.; Margaret Polston, Wadesboro, N. C.; Viola Jenkins, Rockingham, N. C.; N. L. Jackson, Neeses, S. C.

These students are attending school with the purpose of studying to show themselves approved unto God workmen that need not to be ashamed. They expect to go out from Emmanuel better fitted to take their places in God's vineyard.

We are thankful that we have these fine students at Emmanuel and we are expecting great things of them when they return to us. Emmanuel is a great College and is a pioneer in the field of Christian Education. It is a safe place to go for any young boy or girl who wishes to prepare for a useful life in this world.

We hope to have at least 50 students from S. C. there next year.

Request

Please pray for Mrs. W. C. Player that the Lord will give her complete deliverance in her body.

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OPINIONS AND EVALUATIONS

It is the primary purpose of the Annual Conference to analyze and evaluate past and present methods of propagating the work of the Kingdom of Christ within its bounds. In this procedure of evaluation, the process of elimination is very frequently resorted to. Old methods that have failed for one reason or another are thrown over board with a somewhat critical denunciation of the previous Annual Conference that was so irrational as to vote on such an impractical resolution. When all past conferences has been sufficiently condemned for their tragic errors. Then the brunt of criticism is directed toward the Superintendent and in the final analysis he becomes the scape goat for every bodies failure.

As a matter of fact it is not the fault of the Conference Superintendent or the law that is made, but it is a matter of putting the theory into practice. We are too free with the process of elimination or rather we eliminate the wrong things. We throw out the old law and write in a new one with possibly less deliberation than was used in formulating the one that is being discarded.

It is unfair to any program to condemn it until it has been thoroughly tested by the proper person. In a word we should sometimes eliminate the person instead of the law. As for as legislation is concerned it is an easy matter for a conference to fall into a vicious circle and introduce so many new resolutions and measures until the entire program will be in an experimental stage, defeated by uncertainty and doubt. This repeated revision and ambiguous lawmaking fosters infidelity on the part of the entire conference and will eventually destroy the sense of obligations to the rulings of the conference. No amount of legislation will ever accomplish anything until there is instilled in the heart of every member an unabidged loyalty to the law of the conference.

The more numerous and complicated the laws, the less degree of adherence will be realized.

It follows then that the most pertinent need of the conference is not legislation but a strict adherence to a simple system of practical measures.

It is generally agreed that the most serious difficulty does not arise in adopting new plans and programs but rather in their application. The question then is what is the basic prerequisite to a practical application of well intended resolutions.

To my mind this is the point where human coercion ends and divine inspiration begins. Jesus appealed for a service born of love. A service that was not compelled or forced, a service free from the fear of consequences, a service not in view of reward, popularity or gain. But a ser-

vice that is sponsored by an inward holy obligation.

A prominent difficulty involves the individuals attitude toward the regulatory legislation of the annual conference. The average person looks upon the rulings of the conference as disciplinary measures that are calculated to force them into strict obedience without regard for the individual freedom. This is of course a mistaken attitude. For the true purpose of the conference is not to limit the freedom of anyone or to hamper his usefulness but rather to set up a system that will serve the greatest purpose and accomplish the most good for the largest number of people. When the individual assumes this attitude it will not be difficult to form an organized body of determined laborers that will produce results from any practical program.

A close observation over the South Carolina Conference will reveal that for the past few years there has been a growing sense of loyalty and christian fellowship among the brethren. At the time of this writing news is coming in from various sections of fellowship meetings, union revivals, conventions and rallies. One report states that an involuntary revival has broken out and is being conducted by three or four preachers with the main object, Salvation of Souls and the spread of the gospel to every possible person.

Ministers are manifesting a more brotherly attitude and a better understanding of each others problems is becoming obvious. Ministerial Fellowship meetings are gathering influence and are being held among different circuits. An over all spirit of evangelism seems to be gripping both pastors and evangelists from the Conference Superintendent on down to the mission workers.

A more compact solidarity is being almost unconsciously formed in the S. C. Conference. The sound of abundance of rain can be heard in the distance. We have at this time one of the best programs in the church and a group of the finest most loyal ministers in the world to put this program into effect. We have the most commodious headqdarters of any conference in the movement and a Superintendent whose visions is forever for greater and better things. We also have the smartest conference paper that I have seen and the possibilities of its future prestige is very gratifying.

It is true that our relative status with reference to the other conferences is in a somewhat inferior category but with pride we all know that we are under valued and that the time is at hand when we are going to set a precedent in the field of progress before unheard of.

The fifth Sunday of March saw the formal opening of tmo large modern brick churches. A report comes in today from Georgetown of another brick church that will soon be ready for service.

The opportunities for greater expansion and development in the S. C. Conference has never been brighter. And it is the prayer of every one of us that we as a church will rise to meet this emergency for it is without doubt the greatest we have ever had. But thank God the "going is heard in the Mulberry trees", the trumpet is sounded for battle and we have "come to the Kingdom for such a time as this."

Rev. and Mrs. H. H Goff at Georgetown

A gracious revival attended the labors of Rev. and Mrs. Goff at the Georgetown church. Rev. Goff, as usual, did some wonderful, sin blasting preaching. The entire church was greatly revived and a total of 15 definite experiences were noted. Nine were saved, four sanctified and two received the Holy Spirit. The revival spirit is

continuing with the church after the evangelists have gone. Souls are being blessed in the regular pastoral services.

Pastor Carnes reports that, "After a long delay and a hard fought battle we are glad to say that the new brick church is going up nicely. We praise God for the way he brought us through the dark hours and we are looking to him to take us through to complete victory."

Pauline Epistemology

I Know Whom I Have Believed, 11 Timothy 1:12

By H. P. Robinson

A relatively new philosophical question that has engaged the wit and ingenuity of eminent thinkers of this and other generations is the problem of Epistemology. The term suggests the question, How do we know? or what is the source of true knowledge? How may we distinguish truth from error of further what is the value of knowledge? From the philosophers point of view it is expedient that we attempt an answer to this question by a variety of methods. Incidentally there doesn't seem to be a scarcity of methods. The value of true knowledge gained a place of prominence in contemporary thought in the days of Socrates. For it was this venerable Greek who said, "knowledge is virtue". "To know is to be happy, to know right is to do right." All unhappiness and sin is a direct result of a lack of knowledge." The six outstanding methods of knowing may be summed up in the following manner:

(1.) Authority: This is the process of handing down information from one generation to another. Almost all of our practical knowledge has been handed down to us from authority.

(2.) Empiricism: This is among the most prominent methods of today. It involves the idea that we only know from experience, that true knowledge can only be accepted as valid if it is experienced direct or by proxy.

(3.) Pragmatism: Says that if a thing works it is true. If it is practical it is true. The great John Dewey was somewhat of a pragmatist.

(4.) Science: The scientific method says that if an experiment produces positive results it is true. If an hypothesis when put to the test comes out with affirmative or positive results it may be considered true.

(5.) Intuition of Faith: If a given suggestion comes to pass as the intuition indicates it may well be accepted as true.

(6.) A-priori: This is based upon assumption, by assuming some certain things to be true we can conclude other things to be true. This may be more hypothetical than the scientific method. It simply says that if we assume certain things to be true under given conditions that they are true under other conditions.

It is easy to see that each of these foregoing methods of knowledge has their particular virtue but they also have their weakness. Neither may claim the monopoly upon the approach to knowledge or the sole revealer of truth. The peculiar thing about the true philosopher is that when he has exercised all methods and questioned

the validity of each one separately he comes to the point when he is uncertain about everything. He is not sure, he sees a little truth in all of them but by neither method is he able to arrive at the summum bonum. He apparently arrives or rather find himself in a philosophical circle continually coming back to the point from which he started.

With this before us let us leave the field of philosophy and make an approach to knowledge in the light of the bible. There is every indication of an ultimate truth in the bible and also simple instructions as to its discovery and achievement. For example, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." "Ye have taken away the key of knowledge." The reference here is to a "right heart", a heart set on God. One of the most marked features of the works of St. Paul is his free play upon the ever abiding certainties of knowledge. Paul was without doubt a philosopher of the highest order. It would certainly be a credit to the most profound thinkers that Greece or Rome has ever produced to place Paul the Apostle in the category of great philosophers. I am sure that Greek thought was not foreign to him. He was well versed in the teachings of Aristotle and the Apologies of Plato. He was not ignorant concerning the many uncertainties that had troubled these great men for many generations before his day. He knew their doubts and their fears. He was possibly the greatest thinker of them all and yet in open violation of the ancient code of philosophical doubt he exclaims in clear, declaration "I know."

By way of illustration regarding the trend of thought in Paul's day and for five hundred years prior to his day, we refer to Socrates who is said to have visited the Delphic Oracles to inquire as to the wisest man in Athens. To his surprise he was told that Socrates was the wisest man in Athens because "he knows that he knows nothing." Paul then may well be accused of being a little egotistic by being so bold to make this assertion.

Knowing the character of this top man of the Christian church as we do it might be well worth our time to inquire into this statement that we too may join him in this eternal assertion that may appropriately be called the high water mark of christian achievement.

He might have said, I know what I have believed. The man who can say that is to be congratulated. Very few people have much conviction these days,

they don't know what they believe. Belief is a fundamental principal and a definite conviction will take a person far on the road to success, it will establish his going, and make him a power in the earth that time will have to reckon with. We have come to the point in the growth and development of the Pentecostal Holiness church when we must become dogmatic, we must believe something and know what it is. What we believe must become the outstanding feature by which we are identified. The message we preach must become a matter of life or death, it must become so interwoven into our system until it is our very life. We no longer can take things for granted, we must come to grips with what we believe inasmuch that not only we ourselves shall know what we believe but men everywhere will know it.

It is true that Paul knew what he believed but he knew more, he knew why he believed. This too is an indispensable knowledge we never get very far until we know why we believe. It was Peter who said: "Be ready to give an answer to every man for the hope that lieth in you." You ought to analyze your belief and in the light of Gods word and upon the basis of Gods word and upon the basis of Bible doctrine come to the conclusion that without any deliberation or beyond the slightest doubt you can say emphatically, I know why I believe.

To know why you believe or to know what you believe is one of the demands of the gospel of Jesus Christ. But Paul is here in the text making a far greater statement than either of these. He is saying, I know Whom I have believed. I know the One who swung the worlds out into space, and spoke the sun and stars into existence. He who marked the rivers with his fingers and measured the seas in his hands. He who made the flowers on the hill-tops to bloom and the birds in the trees to sing. I know him for whom the nations are but a drop in the bucket and a dust of the balance. In a word he is saying I know God.

When he said this he was making the supreme assertion, He was taking a stand against all philosophical doubt and unbelief. He was running across all agnosticism, atheism and infidelity of his and every other day. He was making a home run for the christian church of all generations. He was becoming the champion christian for the next two thousand years. He was throwing wide the Golden Gate that opens up into the limitless possibilities of poor fallen man through the gospel of Jesus Christ. He was establishing for time and eternity that immortal kinship between Deity and Adams fallen race. He was taking a liberty that spans that bridgeless gulf between degradation and Divine dignity. He was throwing a win-some challenge at the feet of ever

ambitious youth that should live for the next twenty centuries. This may not appear so obvious until we have learned what it means to know. To know a person means more than to be casually acquainted, it means to have some things in common. To understand each other, to know of the strength and weaknesses. It means to live on the same plane in the same strata of society. To have intimate fellowship.

Paul was saying in the closing days of his life that he through the past years had come to know God in a very intimate way, he had learned some of the secrets of the Almighty; God to Paul was not a far off mystic but a personal friend. For more than thirty years since that meeting on the Damascus Road, a warm tie of friendship had existed between them. This was a friendship that had been tried in the furnace of fire, it had been tried from both sides. Paul had stood up for God at the risk of his life, in Jerusalem and in Rome. God had delivered Paul from the prison in Phillippi and from the storm at sea. Their friendship was mutual, beautiful and enduring and at last was sealed for eternity on the martyrs block.

Paul in writing this last letter of his great collection of works makes the noble assertion of the text in spite of discouraging circumstances that at this time were brought to bear upon him. In the same Epistle he appeals for Timothy to come to him immediately, for he says "All they who are in Asia have turned away from me" and "At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me." It was in this same letter that he said, "Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" and "Alexander the copper smith hath done me much evil. "Only Luke is with me." These are words that reverberate down the ages with a sob of disappointment and tragedy. The mighty prince and champion of the christian church of all time ends his life alone, surrounded by the bare bleak walls of a Roman prison with only one companion, Luke. But no, there is another I can see in the shadows of a flickering candle, a form and it looks like the form of the Son of God. And as this angelic form lays a gentle hand upon the bowed shoulders of Paul the aged, he lifts his head and his face lights up as if he sees out beyond those gray walls, and suddenly that note of pathos and regret is gone and the writer pens these words, It is true that "the time of my departure is at hand, but I am ready to be offered," for I know God and am not afraid to go to meet him. This triumphant departure of Paul can be the heritage of every man who has lived since that day by simply coming to know him as a friend, love him as a father and worship him as a God.

District Conference Dates Set

The third round of District Conferences will convene at the following places and dates:

1. Georgetown Dist. — Hemingway Church, Saturday 9:30 A. M. May Twenty-fifth.
2. Rockingham Dist. — Wadesboro Church, Saturday 9:30 A. M. June First
3. Lake City Dist. — Darlington Church, Saturday 9:30 A. M. June Eighth
4. Columbia Dist. — Highway Church, Saturday 9:30 A. M. June Twenty-ninth
5. Charleston Dist. — Oak Grove Church, Saturday 9:30 A. M. July Sixth
6. Camden Dist. — Great Falls Church, Saturday 9:30 A. M. July Thirteenth

Every Pastor, Evangelist and mission worker is urged to be present in their respective districts.

Communion service will be held in each district at the 11:00 o'clock devotional hour. This hour of Devotion and Consecration will be the chief feature of the day. We feel sure that this will serve to inspire a more fraternal understanding among the brethren of the Conference, and bring everyone nearer together in our labors for the Common Cause.

There will also be a P. H. Y. S. Rally on Friday night preceeding each Conference. Rev. H. P. Robinson the Conference P. H. Y. S. President will be in charge of this service.

T. O. Evans, Supt

Rev. Knapp At Stone Chapel

Pastor J. L. Wall of Stones Chapel Church reports a very good revival with Evangelist Knapp doing the preaching.

There were four saved, two sanctified and two received the Holy Spirit.

The church was greatly blessed by the fine gospel preaching of this evangelist from Pennsylvania. Rev. Knapp a former Supt. of the Pennsylvania Conference is traveling in a house trailer and is in the evangelistic field full time. Any pastor will do well to secure this man for a revival.

Mt. Beulah Enjoys Recent Revival

Rev. T. O. McGee has been engaged in a revival with the church of Mt. Beulah. The results were very encouraging. There were quiet a number of definite experiences. Five new members were received into the church.

Pastor Stevens says, "Our Sunday School is growing fast, we are working to have 150 attendance by Easter."

Supt. Evans In Johnsonville

The old evangelistic spirit has really gotten hold of our Superintendent. He has recently closed a good meeting at Lake City and is now in a revival at Johnsonville. When our Conference head sets such a precedent as this it is high time that every preacher in the Conference take up the Challenge and once and for all let South Carolina know that Pentecostal Holiness is here to stay and that we are going to give a good account of ourselves while we are here.

Signs Of Progress At Springfield

We have just completed a contest in our P. H. Y. S. at Springfield in which the men and boys took a severe "lashing" from the ladies and girls.

The ladies are being served a chicken supper for winning. It is also going to be a homecoming supper for our returned servicemen.

Bro. R. E. Powers was with the Springfield church for one week's visit and part of the next week. God blessed us in a gracious way. There were several definite experiences and the church was greatly benefited by his visit.

Rev. H. H. Baldwin, the pastor's father, visited Springfield Church one week-end recently.

God blessed in these services and the people of the community as well as the church deeply appreciated having Bro. Baldwin.

Words of Appreciation

The family of the late J. Monroe McKenzie acknowledges with deep appreciation the many expressions of sympathy by his relatives and friends, the beautiful floral offerings, the many kind thoughts and deeds, the consoling words and visits during his illness and death.

Mrs. J. M. McKenzie and family

Contest At Wadesboro Church

The P. H. Y. S. of the Wadesboro Church has just closed a contest for which they raised money to remodel the choir and make other improvements in the church.

There were two groups contesting, the Army and Navy. The Army raised \$56.68 and The Navy raised \$83.00.

The losing Army according to agreement will prepare a supper for the triumphant Navy.

C. D. Poston, Reporter

A Testimony

It was on one cold October night, in the home of my uncle, when I said yes to God. That was a Mid-week prayer and praise service to be long remembered. I lived a Christian life until I entered Senior High School. I failed in some ways but never gave up. In the summer of 1943, I made a final decision to go all the way with God. The enemy was working against me but by the prayers of my holy consecrated mother and other friends I am on the victory side now.

I am a student at Holmes College. I see the need of true christian workers as numbers of requests for prayer come in each day. It moves one to ask, am I worthy of the task that God has assigned to me? We should get out prayer chain repaired and working again. Our daily lives should be so that at any time we could get in touch with Heaven and get an answer right back. Then the message of the Gospel would spread in America and the people wouldn't have to suffer for Spiritual help.

Lets put on the whole armor of God as David did and go out in the name of our Lord and Conquer for God.

Pray for me that I might go all the way with God and ever do his will.

J. Arthur Graham

Great Falls Church Vs Pacific Church

In Sunday School attendance. Great Falls is ahead by a small bargain.

The Camden Church has air cushion seats in their church now and according to the pastor these seats are as comfortable as a beauty rest.

The Camden Church took the Mission Banner back with them for the third time. "Something's got to be done about this," declared Bro. Evans. Then he topped it off by saying that if the Camden Church captured the banner the fourth time' he would give them a prize or if some other church in the Camden District would take the banner away from the Camden Church, he would give the prize to them. Come on, churches of the Camden District! Lets see who will get that prize!

New Church Opened

Pastor H. C. Alexander of the recently organized church of Evergreen, S. C. announces that they are now having services in the new building. Services are very spiritual and the progress is satisfactory. Four have received the Holy Spirit since the last District Conference.

A Mother Speaks For The Children

The Builder is an interesting paper. I don't know how to express my appreciation for so great a conference paper.

But, could we have a sheet "The Children's Page?" Composed of christian truth, christian fiction, childrens testimonies, etc, written in their own language. My heart is with out youth. I believe if our young people were interested enough in the Builder, you would get the needed subscribers. We would buy one each for our children should they request it.

May, we say, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scripture, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 2 Tim. 3:15.

The night is falling, the night of death is hastening on apace; The Lord is calling "come on and tarry there's a space."

And when Jesus comes, our King in all His glory, Who died the death our hearts to win, O may the gates of heaven close about us, with all OUR children in!

Mrs. Henry Tunstall

Formal Church Opening at Highway

Another new brick building is added to the ever increasing number of brick church homes of the South Carolina Conference.

This time it is the Highway Church. Rev. J. W. Swails is the progressive and proud pastor of this fine congregation.

At the formal opening service Sunday, March 31, an unusually large congregation from other churches in South Carolina, North Carolina and from Georgia Emmanuel College. Rev. H. P. Robinson spoke at the 11 o'clock service on the subject, "The Church in Conflict and Conquest." At 3:00 o'clock, Rev. T. L. Aaron brought an inspiring message on Christian Education.

An offering was received by Rev. Walter Patterson of Rockingham, N. C., amounting to well over \$400.00 on the indebtedness of the church.

All visitors were graciously entertained at the noon hour by a bountiful table laden with all kinds of good food.

Pastor Swails did a wonderfully efficient job as master of ceremonies. In a word it was a great day for the Highway Church and an inspiration to all those who attended.

FELLOWSHIP MEETING

Rev. Col Bigby preached at the Fellowship meeting at Lancaster.

The subject was "Dreams". Several churches were represented and we had a wonderful service. Next one will be at Great Falls.

Being Found Of Him . . . Without Spot

By Dan T. Muse

Immediately following Peter's description of the coming conflagration that will envelop this sin cursed earth, burning everything of satanic origin, the apostle makes the following significant warning statement to the Christian (2 Peter 3:14): "Wherefore beloved, seeing that you look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of HIM in peace, without spot, and blameless."

"Without spot." Spots may be of varying size. The word 'spot' according to Crabb, literally means the thing spat out, hence a "wet blot." A speck is a small spot. A stain is a form of spot; that is anything that discolors your Christian character. Anyway, a spot is a dark place in an otherwise luminous Christian life. We are cautioned to be "diligent" to be found of HIM without spot. Diligent marks the interest the Christian takes in keeping free from spots, or blots, or specks, or stains in the Christian character. It comes from a word meaning "to love." The diligent Christian is never careless, and never lets down a gap for spots to mar his character. He takes heart delight in carefully avoiding anything that could possibly turn into a spot, or even a speck, on the Christian conduct. And the Christian, to avoid spots, will find it necessary to be diligent. There are many Christians, and a few diligent Christians. Many Christians while not desiring their Christian character to be spotted never take delight in carefully avoiding any semblance of stain, but live more or less carelessly. There are others who recognizing some of the dangers traveling through a world filled with sin and iniquity and where gins and traps have been ingeniously placed to blot the Christian character, and knowing that this present evil world is not a friend to grace, take delight in carefully measuring their steps, their words, their desires, to skillfully avoid any contamination from the world.

Perhaps it would be well to observe a few concrete examples of spots on otherwise a beautiful luminous godly life. Take Miriam (Numb. 12) the sister of Moses and Aaron, for instance. She was a marvelous character, but she permitted a "lemony" feeling to lodge in her heart and eventually it generated into something worse, and she spoke evil against, and criticized, and meddled into the private affairs of one of God's children, a minister. Evil speaking grieves the Holy Spirit (Eph. 4:30). It is best not to meddle in the private affairs of your pastor, or any other minister, or saint of

God. Do not permit any tinge of bitterness to creep into the well spring of your heart, or else you will develop a spot of speaking evil of the brethren. If we are diligent we will keep the specks of bitterness, and the dust and cobwebs out of our own soul, and then other saints will look beautiful. Avoid the spot of evil speaking, and criticizing others.

Take for instance Jonah's spot. His spot was disobedience. That's right. God gave him a message to deliver, and because He knew that God is merciful he did not want to deliver it, and besides there was an element of danger attached to delivering such a message. He would meet up with the stigma of reproach also. Well, he fled, and took passage for Tarshish. He paid the full fare thereof, even though he only got part way. Why be afraid of the faces of men - be obedient and deliver that message from God. I am afraid that this will catch many ministers who were really God called, and they have from one cause or the other, failed to be obedient hoping against hope that everything will be all right. Brother minister there is not one thing that will take the place of obedience.

Martha's spot. Martha was a good woman. One of the best housekeepers of her day. And she could prepare the tastiest dinners. They quite often had a visitor in the person of the Lord Jesus, Mary acted wisely and took advantage of the opportunity to sit at His feet and learn of spiritual and heavenly things. But Martha, she was cumbered with much serving and complained to the Master because her sister had left the cares of life for the most advantageous things. Martha's spot was permitting the cares of this life to crowd out the spiritual opportunities. Mary chose the good part. There is grave danger in your desire to be a good server, or a good provider, or a good farmer, or a good workman, etc to permit the cares of this present life to crowd out the time you should devote to your Bible, and to your knees in prayer, and to your church going. Take time to sit at the feet of Jesus.

Paul Brown Brings McCall To Life

Good news is coming in from McColl of the fine work that pastor Paul Brown is doing. In a recent revival there conducted by Evangelist James Goude, there was a total of twelve definite experiences and three new members were received into the church.

The Sunday School attendance is very good and interested in general seems to be gathering momentum.

Rev. H. H. Baldwin At Matthews

The Matthews Tabernacle church has been greatly blessed by the profound ministry of the Rev. H. H. Baldwin. There were several definite experiences in the services and the church in general was inspired to a greater more determined effort to fully "occupy till Jesus Comes."

The Young People of the church also elected new P. H. Y. S. officers for the next quarter. They are:

President — James M. Hazeldon
Vice-President — William Kelly
Sec. & Treas. — Althea Lee

Program Chairman — Pauline Lee
These Young People are interested in the work of the Lord, and are very cooperative in making the P. H. Y. S. an asset to the church.

Camp Meeting Sermons At Socaster

Rev. M. G. Baker writes that they have had an old fashioned revival at Socastee. The evangelists were, The Rev. and Mrs. Carl W. Thurman. Rev. Baker states that the sermons reminded him of Camp Meeting days. As a result of these dynamic messages there were 6 saved (2 sanctified and one received the Holy Ghost).

Bro. Baker is proving to be a good pastor and an enthusiastic worker. May the blessings of God continue with him.

Winnsboro Church Still Growing

The news from Winnsboro is still good. Pastor Goude is having wonderful success with this new pastorate.

In his last revival conducted by Rev. D. E. Smith, there were 21 experiences.

That remarkable thing about these experiences is that the natural order is reversed. There were 6 saved, 5 sanctified and 10 received the Holy Ghost.

The rule is the other way around. But this exception to the rules is as it should be.

Eight new members were received into the church.

The church has recently bought a parsonage and are planning to raise the pastors salary.

Good work Winnsboro. Keep the revival fires burning.

Revival at Lamar

Pastor Walters of the Lamar church reports a very successful revival conducted by Mrs. Laura Graham of Conway. There were several experiences also many testified to being healed.

The Lamar Church is reported to be in the best spiritual and financial condition in its history.

Sunday School Rally At Pacific Church

At three o'clock Sunday evening the Pacific Church was packed to overflowing with people eager for the Sunday School Rally to begin. The Spirit began to move from the very first part of the service as the choir director from Ebenezer led the congregation in a song and reached its climax about five minutes after four with the Lord blessing and every one glad they had come.

Out of the nine churches represented there were four, Mt. Bulah, Ebenezer, Irmo and the Pacific Church, which rendered programs. The other churches represented were Riverside, Great Falls, The Assembly of God, The Church of God, and The Free Will Baptist.

Every one enjoyed the rally so thoroughly that it was decided to organize and keep the rallies up. Those chosen to fill the office of President, Vice President and Secretary were Rev. T. O. McGee, Rev. Harry C. Bartholf and Miss Juanita Jeffcoat respectively.

Now we are eagerly looking forward for another Sunday School Rally the Fourth Sunday in June which is to meet at Mt. Beulah in Neeses, S. C.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Bartholf

THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE EAST ROCKINGHAM CHURCH AND ITS PROGRESS

Our Auxiliary was organized February 7th with a small beginning of ten members but is making very speedy progress. We have good Leaders who believe in working and putting things over in a big way. During the short time we have been organized we have gained 16 new members making a total membership of 26.

We meet twice each month and always have very interesting projects to work on. We help the needy families in our community. One of our members unfortunately lost his home, and we gave a gift of \$41.12.

Friday night April 4th, we enjoyed an old fashion quilting party at the home of Mrs. M. L. Moore. All of the ladies took part, and when the quilt was finished, a very delicious chicken supper was served. At the close of our meeting we received an offering for a disabled family amounted to \$24.66. Now we have an Easter surprise to send the Falcom Orphanage, a shower for the children amounting to \$72.40. This is a few of the many things we are working toward.

Our Motto is to be a busy group of ladies doing all the good we can for all the people we can. We will appreciate all the information we can get telling us how we can improve our Auxiliary. Pray for us.
Mrs. M. L. Moore, Sec. & Treas.
Eloise Swails, Reporter

Revival And Church Opening

A very successful revival in the new brick church at Conway was brought to a fitting climax with a great Rally Day the fifth Sunday of March.

The meeting was conducted by the pastor, Rev. W. V. Elliott assisted by the Manley Sisters. It was the happy privilege of your editor to attend one of the evangelistic services. And one of the most remarkable things about the revival was the large number of men who were attending and being saved.

Superintendent Evans was the guest speaker at the all day service. He brought a very inspiring message that was enjoyed by all.

Sunday School Pupils Learn Scriptures

Garland Gibson, the Superintendent of the Rockingham Sunday School, was put on the spot by ten smart children. Mr. Gibson offered 50c each for every child who would learn the golden texts for one quarter. When the quarter was up Mr. Gibson was relieved of

Hartsville Church Manley Sisters In Conference

The pastors of the South Carolina Conference are very fortunate to have secured the services of the widely known Manley Sisters for several meetings this summer. They have recently closed a meeting at the new church on Conway. From there they went to Hemingway with Rev. Bill Hopkins for a revival. They will be at Darlington for the last two weeks in May. Their splendid singing is always a great blessing to a church and any pastor will do well to get them for a meeting. This is not an advertisement for the Manley Sisters but an appeal to the preachers of the S. C. Conference to try to get these singers engaged for as many meetings as possible in the conference. We need them they mean so much to our churches.

\$5.00 for, to his surprise ten children learned the texts.

The Rockingham Sunday School is possibly the leading Sunday School in the Conference with an average attendance of 200 and a goal of 250 in view.

Mrs. Aleen James Weaver Passes

On February 21st, 1946, Mrs. Aleen James Weaver quietly slipped away from this world to be with Jesus. She was only 25 years old but her brief life on earth left impressions upon those who know her that will never die. She leaves to mourn her passing, her husband and two children, father, mother, one sister and one brother and a host of friends.

She lived a good moral life and attended church and Sunday school regularly and at one time had a perfect record at Sunday school for seven years. Most of this time she was in my class. She always impressed me as being a girl with a special work to do for the Lord. But like many others she neglected to surrender her life to the Lord for a long time. She lived a happy married life for a while until she lost her health. And a few months before she died she was gloriously saved and sanctified. She became a missionary even on her death bed. Her room was used for an altar and as friends came in to pray with her, she would call her family in and have a regular prayer meeting.

A few days before she died, she called me into her room and asked me to go to church and testify

Revival At Hartsville Church

The Church at Hartsville under the leadership of Pastor Frank Williams is at last coming to the front. They have recently enjoyed a wonderful revival conducted by Rev. Marion Cannon of Andrews.

The pastor is living in a nice new parsonage of his own construction.

They also have a fine Ladies Auxiliary with prospects for even greater and more influential service.

for her. She said she could not get to church herself and she wanted to get one testimony on record. The following is in substance her testimony:

"I praise God for saving me from sin and sanctifying me by his blood and establishing me on the Rock Christ Jesus. I appeal to all of the christians to help me, pray for my loved ones that they will meet me in heaven for I'll soon be there looking and waiting for them."

Listen loved ones, Aleen is still calling, won't you heed the warning. In fancy, I hear her say, Loved ones come this way, I'm waiting for you.

Mrs. Lydia Bradshaw

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