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AND YET NO ROOM FOR JESUS

The Builder As A Gift

Quiet a number of people have sent in subscriptions to their friends; some are sending it to their loved ones who are unsaved with the hope that it might lead to their salvation. Some are even sending the Builder as Christmas gifts. This is of course a thoughful thing to do. Not only will they enjoy it at Christmas time but it will be a source of inspiration and spiritual benefit throughout the year.

If you wish to send the Builder for a year to a friends, I will offer this suggestion; you send the name and address together with fifty cents, and I will be glad to write a note direct to the person you are sending the Builder to an dinform them of your gift.

Please do this friend we need your cooperation. Don't put it off, do it today.

Notice To Holmes Alumni

This is an inquiry in to the whereabouts of the Holmes Alumni. I would like to have the names and addresses of everyone as early as posible, in order to bring the mailing list up to date and to arrange for the Alumni dues to be paid. I am corresponding secretary of the Holmes Alumni Association and I am urging the cooperation of all students in getting all names and addresses up to date. If any student reading this will send me immediately the names and addresses of others in your community it will be greatly appreciated.

Send them to: Box 211 East Rockingham, N. C.

Woman Preacher At Barrineau

A good revival is in progress at the Barrineau Church. Several experiences have been noted and many more are seeking God.

The name of the preacher is unknown to this writer, however, I understand it is a lady minis-

Good for Barrineau, I pray that God will give them a land slide. And maybe that will eliminate any irregular disposition that might exist toward the feminine gender in the pulpit.

Stalvey Open For Calls

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I would like for you to publish an article in the Builder for me. I have been a student in the Holmes Bible College for the past three years. By not returning back to school this year, I am entering the evangelist field and will be open for calls anywhere. I feel the need of getting out and will do what I can to win lost souls to Christ. Anyone desiring my service for a Revival anywhere may contact me. My name and address is: Walton Stalvey, Box 233, Conway, S. C. I will be glad to serve any church or Pastor to the best of my ability at any time in the next twelve months.

Sincerely, Walton Stalvey

notice in the Builder. Rev. Stalvev is a good preacher and I am sure that his ministry will be a blessing to any church. He is sincere, spiritual, and has a burden for the lost. I have used Brother Stalvey in my church and was very favorably impressed. Editor

It is a pleasure to run this

It has been a long time since that far off day when Mary and Joseph plodded the crowed way, with their neighbors and kindred down to the little city of Bethlehem. Mary, suffering with fatigue and approaching sorrow, and Joseph, frantic with fear because of her condition, approaches late in that evening to the Inn to be given the bitter, cold reply; "No Room". No other alternative but to repair to the cattle stall and there fall down upon the hay exhausted to wait, while a wicked world moved on and God moved backed the curtain of the ages and began anew to mark time. While Mary unattended but by Joseph and unobserved but by the cattle, gave birth to the ageless son of God. A blazing meteor from the eternal mists swung down near to this old planet and beamed a radiant glow into the face of the manger child as he lay in the swaddling clothes. Even at this time the golden gates of the Glory World swung wide to let out an angelic host to bear the grandest message man ever heard to a world that had no room for Jesus. The Judean hills that night that rang with angelic harmonies was a token of Heavens attestation to the Divine Sonship of the Manger Child. Far away on the wind swept deserts of the East the priests of Zarathustra saw the distant meteor and knew that the King had come.

Yes that was a distant day when heaven revealed its Glorv but the everlasting shame of that generation is that there was no room for Jesus.

Nearly twenty long dreary centuries has walked with hoary footsteps down the ancient corridors of the past and yet the verdict of the ages has never

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ONE YEAR 50c

Ministers Fellowship Union Organized

At the close of the District Conference at Cheraw, a Ministers Fellowship Union was organized by the preachers of the Rockingham District. There are twenty preachers in the District, not including missionworkers.

The elected officers were: Rev. H. P. Robinson—President Rev. J. L. Frazier—Vice Pres. Rev. Arthur Graham—Sec.-Tres.

The purpose of this union is to create a more congenial fellowship among the ministers of the district and to sponsor an organized effort to evangelize the district. There are several towns and villages in the Rockingham District that does not have a pentecostal church and there are several evangelists in the district that does not have a place to preach. Thus the Ministerial Union is going to investigate these places and preachers and arrange meetings for the evangelists in cooperation with the pastors.

During the week the pastors will work with the evangelists in these meetings and on Sunday when the pastors will have to be with their churches the Evangelist can carry on.

Another feature of attraction of the union is regular fellowship meetings to be held upon invitation by one of the members with his church. At these meetings, different members of the Union will be called upon to discuss vital questions, scriptural and otherwise. Further it is the plan to have dinner at the beginning or close of each meeting. This dinner will be served by the local Ladies Auxiliary at the church entertaining the Union. The meals will be paid for, of course, by the ministers and will be a boost to the Auxiliary treasury.

Five million children are reported starving in Europe.

People Forget What's Good

The memory is one of those strange attributes of man, conferred upon him by the Creator, that is calculated to magnify the joys of life and to maintain the proper equilibrum between the past, present and future.

Thus it is this writers opinion that a person's dispositions and attitudes towards life and his fellow men is greatly determined by the things he chooses to remember, constantly recall and brood over.

If something is said or written about a person that magnifies their virtures and tells of their great accomplishments: that person as a rule will pass that up and take the attitude that: "Sure that is the truth, of course I deserve such compliments. Why, nobody can do what I have done guite as well as I have done it." With this atti-tude he will forget the nice things said about him and even forget to thank the person who said them. But, Oh! my, you just watch him howl if somebody writes or says something that even faintly suggests that he didn't do just all that he might have done. This he will never forget. He will immediately begin to publish the scandalous way that his brother has spoken or written about him in an effort to turn public opinion against the offending brother and gain a little sympathy for his own self.

This attitude usually exists until a feeling of permanent dislike has developed in the heart of the brother who has been so ignominously sinued against. He will finally adopt the martyr attitude and lose the sweetness out of his soul, and eventually become possessed of a disposition that is altogether unchristian.

This was put in here to fill up space and not to be read.

Sandhills Burn With Revival Fires

Yes sir! the sand hills of Blaney and Highway has proved conclusively that they can produce something besides peaches and black jack oaks.

The reports come to this desk that a mighty pentecostal revival has swept over those sand dunes. carrying overything before it and leaving in its wake a shouting, happy church.

For some time the people there have had one of the most attractive brick churches anywhere in the country, and if I may take the liberty here to voice my personal opinion; The Highway people are the most considerate, thoughful and loyal people that I have seen. The days when people walk to church at Highway are not over; some of the young people of that community still walk two and three miles to church. After considering this you will not be surprised to hear of the great revival that they have just had.

Rev. Robert Doby was the Evangelist and Rev. Charlie Powell is the pastor. There were a total of seventy experiences besides the great reviving that was enjoyed among the church members. Twenty two new members united with the church.

Reports have it that in the long history of the Highway church that no other revival has been equal to this one in miraculous results and far reaching effects.

15 Subscriptions From Sumter

The Sumter pastor has renewed his staunch support and greatly appreciated cooperation with the publication department of the Conference Official Organ.

He has sent in fifteen subscriptions, which is, I believe, the record number so far.

Come on pastors. Somebody reat this record. You can do it. Just take a little time and you'll be surprised how easily it can be done.

Shipbuilding in United States is reported declining rapidly.

Personal income rises to the annual rate of -210,000,000,000.

"Polston's Chapel" Goes Up

I don't know whether that that will be the name of it or not but it does sound good and if I may offer a suggestion for a name for the new church at Laurinburg I would say name it Polston's Chapel.

Brother Polston with several of the people from the East Laurinburg church are erecting a new church in another section of town, with the view to having a second Pentecostal church in Laurinburg.

The work so far is progressing nicely under the leadership of Brother Polston. The only handicap is lack of money. If any friend would like to help in this worthy effort, please send your contribution to C. D. Polston, Laurinburg, N. C.

Officials Of Second Jurisdiction Meet In Greenville

Dr. Faul F. Beacham, Bishop of the second Jurisdiction, called a meeting of the Official Boards of the five conferences involved. These boards met in the auditorium of Holmes Memorial church Wedne day morning at 9:00 o'clock, November 19th with Bishop Beacham in the chair. After a very timely lecture by the Bishop, business regan with reports of Superintendents.

Several Committees were elected to deal with the various problems of this particular Jurisdiction as well as the whole church.

It was found that the General treasurer of the church is in a critical condition as far as Foreign Missions are concerned. To tell the startling truth, some of our Missionaries have not been paid for three months. And to make it more embarrassing one of the Missionaries who has not been paid is our own Leona Causey.

If it had not been for one of the Missionaries who had saved up a little money and lent it to those who had none, the story of their condition might have been even more critical.

A proposition was offered by one committee to take Missions and Orphanage out of the General Budget. This motion was ruled out by a narrow margin. And I think that was as it should be for if these two departments are separated from the General Budget, the General Budget will cease to be or practically so. For all money will then be diverted in to the two channels of Missions and Orphanage. Education and other General expenses will suffer even more than they are now suffering if possible.

It sems to me that the final decision of the Conference was the wise thing; that of putting on a special drive throughout the church to boost the depleted Mission treasury.

Pastors, Sunday School Supts. and other Auxiliary leaders, this is an emergency. We can't afford to let our own Missionaries suffer. Let us do something about it. Take up a special offering. Set aside a day and take an offering and send it to C. B. Edwards and mark it Mission money for this emergency.

Wadesboro Rally Good

The fifth Sunday Rally at the Wadesboro church, in the face of all odds was very good. The pastor, Rev. Frazier was called away to a funeral and could not be there. But Mrs. Frazier, the assitant pastor, went ahead with the service in a very efficient way.

There were three speakers on the program; Rev. T. M. Swails, Rev. J. W. Swails and Rev. H. P. Robinson. Each of these brethren gave a very timely and inspiring address.

The main feature of the gathering was the clothes line offering, with an added attraction. Each clothes pin had a number on it and the numbers were also correspondingly placed in a box. When all of the money had been pinned on the line then numbers were drawn from the box for gifts that were awarded to those holding the lucky number. That is if you pinned a dollar bill on a pin that had the right number on it you got a prize. (I got the first prize).

Oh!Yes! I was about to forget to tell about the money that was raised. The crowd was very small but they were very liberal. A total of \$175.30 was raised. This money will go toward paying for a parsonage that the church has recently purchased.

Pastor Brown Builds Church

The Johnsonville congregation, pastored by Rev. H. W. Brown is in the process of erecting a new brick church. At a recent service they raised \$2,-200.00 for the building fund. This is a fine start. I am sure that the Johnsonville people will put up a fine building. And I can truly say that there are no more worthy and deserving people anywhere than at Johnsonville. They having been needing a larger church for a long time and I am sure that they have the pastor there now who will get the work done for them.

Pastor Brown reports a good revival at the Hemingway church under the ministry of Rev. Jake Till of the Florida Conference. He says Jake is a good evangelist and that he can recommend him to any pastor.

Congregation Outgrows Building

An almost unheard thing has happened at the Scranton church. The crowds have gotten too large for the building. However, this is no disappointment for the energetic pastor Weatherford, for he informs us that work is going right ahead to enlarge the building.

For almost two years now the revival fires have been burning at Scranton. When we hear of a church on fire and making progress we like to inquire into the methods and reasons for it. Hence if I were asked to diagnose the case of Scranton and tell why they are so spiritual I would give two major reasons. The first; Brother Weatherford keeps a revival going almost half the time. This keeps the interest up, the people praying and going to church. Some pastors are afraid to have too many revivals because they fear their salary won't be paid. I would like to say this incidentally; almost every raise a pastor gets in his salary is a result of a revival some other preacher held for him.

The second reason Luther has a church on fire, is that he believes in shouting he practices it and urges it upon his people. The key note of his services is always freedom in the spirit and liberty in worshipping God.

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changed. There is yet no room for Jesus.

As we approach again the day of his birth, our eyes are focused upon the land of His nativity. Things have changed very little there; Greed, lust, hatred and blood shed will greet the dawn of Christmas morning in Bethlehem. Yes if after so long, the Christ were to visit the Inn in Bethlehem, he would again be confronted with those words: "No Room."

Down across almost two Milleniums the few people who have cherished the presence of Christ in their hearts have had to flee hither and you to preserve this wonderful friendship. Even as Mary and Joseph had to flee down into Egypt from cruel King Herod. Men and women have had to flee the Martyrs block and persecution of all kind. There was a day when This Land of the Free and Home of the Brave was a haven for the Pilgrim Fathers and others. For it was to this land they came to find "Freedom to Worship God."

Men still enjoy that freedom in America but no place is given to Jesus. The hearts of the men and women of this world are the Inns in which Jesus would dwell. But when we come to analyze the conduct, the immoral practices, the leude indulgences of this generation; we say again, there is no room for Jesus.

A casual observer will see that there is no room for Jesus in Politics, No room for Jesus in business, No room for Jesus in organized labor. No room for Jesus in pleasure. No room for Jesus at the theatres, dance halls, night clubs, card tables, No room for Jesus anywhere in the crowded life of this modern world. The Son of God, The Manger Child, The Coming King has been crowed off of the agenda of this old world. And the words that sounded out the everlasting shame of the nations long ago at the birth of Jesus are the words that are the death knell of the Nations of this our day: "No Room."

H. P. Robinson

Benes warns the Czechs that they must find a middle course.

Revival At Hamlet

At this writing a revival is in full swing at the Hamlet church. Mrs. Laura Graham is doing the reviving. And believe you me, those of you who know sister Graham will agree with me that the Hamlet church will know in more ways than one that Mrs. Graham has been there.

Sunday afternoon, Dec. 7th, has been designated as a healing service. The Lord is blessing Sister Graham in a very special way in the ministry of healing.

P. H. Y. S. President's Slate

Dec. 1-13 — Bamberg

Dec. 6 — Rally at Cowards

Dec. 7 — Sandy Bay

Dec. 13 — Rehoboth—Rally

Dec. 14 — Conway

Dec. 20 — Antioch—Rally

Dec. 21 — Charleston

Dec. 27 — Winnsboro—Rally

Dec. 28 — Great Falls

Jan. 3 — New Holland—Rally

Jan. 4 — Pacific

Jan. 5-25 — Stamps Music School

First Auxiliary Rally Exceptional

The first Rally of its kind was held in connection with the District Conference at Cheraw. It was the Auxiliary Rally under the direction of Mrs. Carl W. Thurman Conf. President. It was well attended and rivaled even the District Conference for good reports and cooperative effort.

It would put a lot of us pastors to shame to listen to the sacrificial work of some of those women in trying to prompt the work of God. I would advocate that every pastor attend the next ralley in your District and I'm sure it will inspire you to greater effort.

These Meetings are being held in each district on Friday night before the Conference.

The thing however, that was most interesting to the Builder about the meeting is that the Ladies have decided to continue their support of the Conference paper.

If we can just get them behind it our worries will be over.

From The Field

By M. L. MOORE

BARRINEAU

Miss Inez Campbell of Sandy Springs in the upper S. C. Conference is in a revival meeting at the Barrineau Church. They report great Victory.

CHERAW

The P. H. Y. S. rally at Cheraw on Saturday night November 29, was a great success. The Cheraw young people won the prize (a book, "In His Steps") for having the best program.

FLORENCE DISTRICT

Miss Elizabeth Parnell is proving herself an efficient district worker in the Florence District. She conducted a good rally with great poise and confidence.

VISITS

M. L. Moore, P. H. Y. S. president visited the following churches since the November issue of the "Builder": Emmanuel, Darlington, Florence, Highway, Cheraw and Laurinburg. M. L. Moore is now in a singing school with pastor Cook at Bamberg.

CONWAY

Pastor Arthur Graham plans to quit teaching school after the first Semester and devote his time to pastoring and preparation for beginning the new church building at Cheraw.

SAVANNAH BLUFF

Rev. Hubert T. Spence began a revival for pastor Hopkins at Sayannah Bluff on December 1.

Radio Program Builds Congregation, Says Jackson

Rev. J. J. Jackson, the new pastor of the Bennettsville church, reports that his radio program is increasing his congregations at his regular church services and raising the general status of the church in the community. His program may be heard each Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. From three until three-thirty, over station WBSC Bennettsville, S. C., 1400 on your radio dial.

United States still firm against freedom for air routes.