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TWENTIETH ANNUAL MINISTERS and MISSIONARIES' CONFERENCE



Identified in the picture, left to right are: Dr. M. C. Cleveland (wearing an overcoat), Rev. M. C. Williams and President Ralph W. Riley. Dr. Cleveland is pastor of the Day Street Baptist Church, Montgomery, Alabama and Rev. Williams is pastor of the New Bethel Baptist Church, Denver, Colorado.

The theme of the conference was "Christ, the Desire of all Nations".

Dr. Cleveland spoke during the week on the subject "The Good Minister of Jesus Christ" and Rev. Williams gave lectures on the following subjects: "Christ the Answer—For the Democracies, the Communists, the Racialists, the Materialists and the Militarists."

The two guest speakers spoke alternately each morning and evening, and devoted the afternoons to discussions on their messages and personal conferences with students.

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Speakers for Graduation Exercises

BACCALAUREATE SERMON



The thirty-first annual Baccalaureate service will be held at the First Baptist Church, 319 8th Avenue, North, Sunday, May 29, 3:00 p.m., at which time Dr. C. L. Franklin of Brooklyn, New York, will preach the sermon.

Dr. Franklin is a graduate of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia, Union Theological Seminary, New York, and has had special study in the field of psychology. He is chairman of the Baptist Educational Center of Brooklyn and Long Island, president of the Long Island Baptist Association, and holds

membership in the Young Men's Christian Association, National Urban League, Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, and is a member of many other scholarship, fraternal and debating groups. He is the minister of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church, Brooklyn, New York.

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS



The Commencement services will be held on Monday, May 30, at the Seminary, 1800 White's Creek Pike, 8:00 P.M., and the address for this occasion will be delivered by Dr. Carl J. Giers, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

Dr. Giers was educated in the public schools of Tacoma, Washington, University of Washington, Southern Baptist Theological and Princeton seminaries. He is a member of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention and of the Tennessee Baptist Con-

vention. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and other civic and religious organizations of the city of Chattanooga and the nation.

FOUNDER'S DAY



Another one of the highlights of the institution's program in connection with the May board meeting will be the annual observance of Founder's Day to be held on May 6.

Each year the institution invites one of its alumni to bring the message on this occasion. This year the address will be delivered by Rev. E. A. Gaiters, '30, Field Secretary of the American Baptist Theological Seminary, a man of many fruitful years of experience as a pastor, Young Men's Christian Association worker of Des Moines, Iowa, a loyal,

devoted, energetic representative of the Seminary and an enthusiastic worker in the cause of Christian education.

The Founder's Day program will begin at 10:30 on the morning of May 6, and an interesting program has been arranged for the day.

It is expected that many of the Trustee Board members who will attend the May 4 meeting will remain for the Founder's Day celebration.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

The annual meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held on May 4, 1955. The meeting consists of twelve members from the Southern Baptist Convention and twenty-four from the National Baptist Convention, Incorporated, who are expected to be present for the annual event.

The meeting schedule will be a one-day session, beginning at 9:30 in the morning and will last the entire day. Matters of importance to come before the Board will deal with plans for the expansion program of the institution for the next five years.

Six new trustees have been added. The pictures of the two alumni trustees, Rev. L. J. Burt, Atlanta, Georgia; and Rev. W. H. Donaldson, Peoria, Illinois can be observed in the February issue of the "Seminarian".

The following are two of the non-alumni trustees:



Rev. Wm. McDowell



Rev. T. E. Huntley

Rev. McDowell received his early schooling at the Normal and Industrial Institute and Howe College, Memphis, Tennessee; M. I. College, Jackson, Mississippi. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of Chicago Baptist Institute, and pastor of forty-five years' standing. He is the minister of the Greater Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, 222 West Garfield, Chicago 9, Illinois.

Rev. T. E. Huntley is a graduate of Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia, and has done graduate study at Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia. He is the director of the Central Baptist Church Mission at Trinidad, B.W.I., author of AS I SAW IT, and pastor of the Central Baptist Church and the Central Baptist Church on Wheels, St. Louis, Missouri.

SEMINARY DAY

Annual Seminary Day, May 15, 1955, will receive wider attention perhaps, than any Seminary Day since its inception. This is true because of the institution's effort each year to reach a larger number of people through the appeal and because this year a larger number of pastors have planned Seminary Days, together with the effort on the part of the Alumni Association to raise \$10,000.00.

The annual Seminary Day furnishes a splendid opportunity for alumni and friends to remember the work of the institution

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and to make a contribution at this time of the year towards the support of the Seminary.

This year, the Seminary Day goal has been set at \$10,000.00, and it has been requested that conventions, churches, missionary societies other auxiliaries and organizations and individuals make a special contribution towards the accomplishment of this goal.

TESTIMONIAL DINNER FOR DR. J. C. MILES

On the evening of May 27, 1955, the trustees, faculty, staff, students, friends and alumni will hold a testimonial dinner at 8:00 in honor of Dr. J. C. Miles, veteran professor at the Seminary, Bible scholar, and Christian leader. The testimonial dinner will be held jointly with the alumni banquet.

On this occasion, friends of Dr. Miles, trustees and a large number of alumni, whom he has taught, will gather to do honor to the sainted professor.

Dr. J. C. Miles has been connected with the Seminary for twenty-five years. He has rendered untiring, devoted and unselfish service to the Seminary through all its trying days, and he still continues to carry on as professor of Old Testament and director of Correspondence Study.

Dr. Miles is well beloved by students, trustees and alumni, and the honor given him will be highly acclaimed by pastors of both the National and Southern Baptist Conventions throughout the United States and foreign lands.

FACULTY NEWS

Dean Victor T. Glass was the evangelist in a Simultaneous Crusade revival with the Central Baptist Church in Lowesville, Virginia, April 17-24. The pastor, Rev. D. S. Dempsey, was Dr. Glass' boyhood pastor in Spray, North Carolina.

On March 7th, Dean Glass was guest minister at the Glen Leven Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tennessee in the absence of the pastor Rev. Edwin Albright.

Prof. J. L. Powell participated in the Career Conference at Pearl High School, Nashville, Tennessee and discussed on the panel "Opportunities for Young People in Field of Religion".

Prof. J. F. Grimmitt was guest speaker of a city-wide mass meeting March 27, in the interest of the N.A.A.C.P. at Columbia, Tennessee.

ALUMNI NEWS

R. J. Glasco, B.D., '49, is the Director of the Alabama Baptist Negro Center in Montgomery. Under his astute leadership the Center has become a vital agency for social, educational and religious growth in the city. Alumnus Glasco is also the pastor of First Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Alabama. Each year the Rev. Mr. Glasco offers an annual award of ten dollars (\$10.00) to the senior who maintains the highest scholastic average during his Seminary days.

Talton B. Fentress, B.Th., '48, recently dedicated Mount Zion Missionary Baptist Church, Bremerton, Washington. He is a member of the Educational Board of the National Baptist Convention Incorporated of America and Executive Board Member of the Bremerton Servicemen's Center. Alumnus Fentress is also the organist and faculty member of the School of Religion in the General Baptist Association of Washington, and is Chaplain of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Washington and its Jurisdiction, F. & A.M.

FLORIDA BAPTIST LEADERS



Identified in the picture left to right are: First row, Dr. A. B. Coleman, Dr. J. H. Jackson, Dr. J. A. Finnlayson, Mrs. Finnlayson, Dr. L. A. Pinkston and Rev. M. Kirby. Mrs. R. L. Holley is standing behind Dr. Finnlayson.

Florida State Baptist Convention, held in Abyssinia Baptist Church, Jacksonville, Florida, April 6-10, 1955, attracted a number of outstanding national leaders including Dr. J. H. Jackson, president of the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Incorporated, who was the guest speaker Thursday at 3:00 P.M. As usual, Dr. Jackson profoundly took care of the great throng of messengers assembled in the Shiloh Baptist Church.

Other visitors were: Dr. Roland Smith, secretary of the National B.T.A. Board; Dr. L. A. Pinkston, president of the Georgia General Baptist Convention; Rev. M. Kirby, secretary of the Benefit Board; and Miss Primrose Funches, Co-Director of the \$50,000.00 Drive and worker for American Baptist Theological Seminary at Nashville, Tennessee.

The Convention took care of its obligations to the causes of missions and education and retired Mrs. Viola Hill, vice-president of the Woman's Auxiliary to the National Baptist Convention and president, for more than a quarter of a century, of the Women's Convention of Florida. Her successor, Mrs. R. L. Holley, is the wife of Dr. R. L. Holley, pastor of First Baptist Church, Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

T. Oscar Chappelle, B.Th., '36, minister of the Morning Star Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma, was a visitor on the campus on Tuesday, April 5. While on the campus he addressed the Faculty and student body, using as his topic, "Facing the Faces"

The Rev. Mr. Chappelle was in the city conducting the Religious Emphasis week lectures for the youth of Ebenezer Baptist Church, Rev. N. Samuel Jones, pastor.

George C. McCutchen, B.Th., '50, Co-pastor of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church Tulsa, Oklahoma was a visitor on the campus along with Alumnus Chappelle.

IN MEMORIAM

CHARLES A. SNODDY, B.Th., '38, of 2342 West Washington Street, Phoenix, Arizona, departed this life February 20, 1955. It will be remembered that Rev. Snoddy, for many years, was the successful pastor of Fifth Ward Baptist Church, Clarksville, before he left the state. Mrs. Snoddy would appreciate hearing from you.

FELLOWSHIP OF BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS



Rev. Ernest Poston, (the twelfth person in the second row reading from left to right) was elected chairman of the Fellowship in its tenth annual meeting held on the Seminary campus, March 30-31. He succeeded Rev. John S. Harris to his left. Mr. Poston is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky and is now the Director of the Baptist Fellowship Center of that city.

Others identified in the second row from left to right are: first, President Ralph W. Riley; twenty-second, Dean Victor T. Glass; and last, Dr. A. C. Miller, secretary of the Christian Life Commission. On the end of the third row left is H. J. Franklin, general student chairman of the host school.

Three major topics were discussed by the conference. (1) "CHRISTIAN APPROACHES TO ECONOMICS", (2) "THE NEEDS AND CHALLENGES OF THE RURAL COMMUNITY" and (3) "THE CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO THE SUPREME COURT DECISION ON SEGREGATION".

President Ralph W. Riley delivered the main address at the closing session.

There were approximately sixty persons in attendance from twelve schools.

The conference will meet next year at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

STUDENT NEWS

PERSONAL

H. Joseph Franklin, '57, appeared on the "Know Your People" program at 15th Avenue Baptist Church, Sunday April 10, 1955 and spoke on the subject entitled, "The Minister in the Community."

Walter W. Johnson, '57, was the guest speaker of the Easter services of the Young Adults of the Shiloh Baptist Church Lexington, Kentucky, Rev. T. H. Smith, pastor.

Miss D. M. Stewart, '57, a Religious Education major, is engaged in a very constructive field of work with the A. B. T. Mission Team: Each Sunday they visit the Meharry Hospital and the County Jail.

R. Eugene Burley, '57, was the guest speaker Sunday April 17, 1955. On the Men's Day program at St. John Baptist Church, Hartsville, Tennessee, Rev. H. C. Osborne, pastor.

A son, Joel Malcolm, was born to **N. J. Brockman**, '57, and wife February 23, 1955.

Mrs. P. M. Owen wife of **W. L. Owen**, '58, was his campus guest while attending the State Teachers' Association, which convened at A. & I. University. Mrs. Owen is the principal of the Dunbar Elementary School.

Robert Curry, '58, was guest of **W. L. Owen**, '58, and wife. While there, he participated in the Easter Musical Program at the Thankful Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee, Rev. J. F. Birchette, Jr. is the pastor.

W. L. Owen, '58, was the guest speaker for the First Baptist Church, 8th Avenue, North April 3, 1955. Rev. Kelly Miller Smith, pastor.

E. M. Brown, '55, was the guest speaker at the Evangelistic Board of the Tennessee Baptist State Convention, which convened at the First Baptist Church of Springfield, Tennessee, April 17, 1955. Rev. W. J. Speed is the pastor,

J. P. Strong, '56, delivered the Youth Day message at the Metropolitan Baptist Church, Memphis, Tennessee, April 3, 1955. Dr. S. A. Owen is the pastor.

W. O. Wells, '56, was the speaker at the Passion Service, A.B.T. Seminary, April 9, 1955.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Salley, '56, were called to their home in Brooklyn, New York upon the death of his mother, March 20, 1955. Our sincere sympathy goes out to them and family.

Mr. H. Joseph Franklin, '57, appeared on the "KNOW YOUR PEOPLE" program at 15th Avenue Baptist Church Sunday, April 10, 1955 and spoke on the subject entitled, "The Minister in the Community".

B.S.U. CONFERENCE

The B. S. U. held its National B. S. U. Conference at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio.

Johnnie Cameron a student of A. B. T. Seminary was elected National B. S. U. president. He will represent the B. S. U. on the foreign field this summer; with Miss Marcia Flowers the former B. S. U. national president.

SEMINARIANS ATTEND B.S.U. CONFERENCE

Several seminary students attended the National B. S. U. 10th Annual Spring Retreat at Central State College, Wilberforce, Ohio. They were: Johnnie Cameron, Charles Major, Mack Vincent, David Williams, Johnnie Ernest, Ophiliis McCoy, and Robert Williams.