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EVANGELIST C. C. BOONE BARES AFRICAN MISSION CONDITIONS Makes Vitrolic Attack Upon the Secretary, Dr. A. A. Graham

Alleges Mistreatment and Concealment of Facts. Denied Free Speech and a Fair Hearing.

Editor Richmond Planet,
 Sir:—Please allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words. As it is expedient for all of us to look forward at the beginning of the New Year to better things and to lay aside as far as possible those things that have hindered and retarded our progress, I am therefore writing this open letter to the public.
 So many things have been said against me and about me and my wife since I arrived in Richmond last year, that it would take an issue of your paper to answer them. Again, I have never sought publicity through the newspapers. I have been an ardent exponent of Foreign Missions as conducted under the Lott Carey Society and condemn as an ingrate and one entirely recreant to his trust, any one who would turn and try to kill the organization that he has upheld with enthusiasm for TWENTY-SIX YEARS.

she was expected to conduct at Monrovia.
PLAIN STATEMENTS.
 In this meeting I had the first speech and afterwards Dr. Thomas was asked to speak. Rev. Thomas said, "I do not know what to say. It was my understanding that I was to speak of Dr. Boone's work and not to speak of my work, and Dr. Boone has spoken of both sides." Dr. Howard, of sainted memory asked, "Is what Dr. Boone said true?" Rev. Thomas replied that it was. Then Dr. Howard said to Dr. Graham, "You have not made out of this meeting what you promised." The Board granted my request for \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) for my medical work and \$500 (five hundred dollars) for Mrs. Boone's school work. Drs. Graham and Johnson were appointed to see that this money be paid. But so far as we know not one cent has ever been paid upon the \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) for medical work or the \$500 (five hundred dollars) for Mrs. Boone's school work. Dr. Graham had told me that all the money I collected on the home field could be applied to equipment. This money had been spent for equipment before the meeting in Richmond in which the \$1,000 was granted.

sending in recommendations and not only were our recommendations refused, but the Secretary got so he would not even make reply.
PLEDGES.
 The Commissioners made many pledges to our work. They were going to furnish a Delco lighting system for Brewerville School; take over Rev. Hayes' wheelright shop; put a memorial window in Providence Baptist Church, of which I was then pastor. They fulfilled none of these. The only engagement the Secretary kept was to pay a woman a bill he owed. Drs. Brown and Graham both said vehemently that they were going to send no other missionaries to the field until they erected buildings for those already there.
FAULKNER AND THE SAW MILL.
 Dr. Brown and Dr. Graham had been to the field and according to the home views were supposed to know more about it than the Missionaries. They knew conditions were not suited for a big saw mill such as they sent. Yes, they sent Faulkner and afterwards dumped the saw mill upon the coast of Africa to work itself. \$10,000 thrown away.

hold Dr. Graham stated that the Lott Carey Convention gave me my medical education. A more false statement could not have been made. When I came home from Congo, the Convention voted to give me a year's vacation on salary. At the next session when it was found that none of that money had been paid and that they owed me \$600 (six hundred dollars), they rescinded the action of the previous Convention and gave me \$300 (three hundred dollars) instead of the six hundred which they owed. That is the way they paid my schooling.
 Much was said while I was upon the field about "pensions" etc. I have never looked for any, but I have been receiving just what I anticipated from colored people. And I am even coming out better than Colley and Presley. I shall never look for even a vote of thanks from the Lott Carey Convention. "I have done my work. I have sung my song". It will stand and the Great Architect of human fortunes will some day call up the credit list. Selah, day call C. C. BOONE, M. D.

names not to be published.
 The Southern Aid Society, Planet Office, Second Baptist Church, Invin cible Lodge Odd Fellows, Missionary Circle Fifth Street Baptist Church, Though sad we mark the closing eye Of those we loved in days gone by, Ye, sweet in death their latest song- We'll meet again, 'twill not be long.
 My heartfelt thanks to all and may our Dear Lord keep you many Prosperous New Years.
 MRS. THOMAS M. CRUMP

AN AMUSING STORY.
 Demand for this article reminds me of a story that my mother once related to me. She said a woman had a crazy boy and as she was going away, she cautioned the boy that he was to sit in the corner of the room and if any one came simply say "ur". Said she, "If you say more than 'ur' he will find out that you are crazy." The mother went and some friends called. They asked the crazy boy where was his mother, and the boy said "ur". They asked him how old he was and he said "ur". The friends said that he was crazy. The analogy is: I have tried not to write against the Lott Carey Society and have gotten worse results than if I had written the facts as they were when I first came home last year. However, although it is late, I must correct some glaring errors that have been made concerning us.

STRIKE IN NEW YORK.
 On arriving in New York for my departure with my bride, I met an expressman's strike and found it quite impossible to get my cargo to the ship before it sailed. But being urged by Dr. Graham to proceed to Liverpool and engage passage for the party and knowing that I had receipts for all my goods, I ventured to go to the command of the Corresponding Secretary. When I reached Liverpool and went next morning to Elder Dempster's office and found that Dr. Graham had taken up the matter by cable and had arranged all of the passages while we were in mid-ocean, caused me to prophesy just the same results we have to-day. I sent at once all my receipts for my cargo, giving in detail where the things were and the money that had been paid upon them. A few of these things were shipped. Mr. Merrill, Liberian Consul in New York wrote to me that Dr. Graham refused to pay any more freight upon things for me. Can you imagine my righteous indignation when here in 1923 and I called at Mr. Merrill's and he handed me all my papers and receipts. I asked him why he did not collect the things and send them to me. He replied that "No one was paying him to go around town and collect my things". Then, I asked him why he had said that I left my business a "loose end".

SALARIES AND FURLOUGH.
 Soon after the saw mill came to us, there came in its wake death and despair. The Secretary kept falling farther and farther behind in our salaries—while he told the people over here that the Missionaries were all "paid up". One year he sent for me and my wife only \$200. My wife wrote to him and asked for the support according to the contract, and he made fun of her and did not send one penny. When times became unbearable, my wife wrote to her friends in Richmond and they gave us relief. Dr. Graham never sent us one ounce of food. He put it in his annual report but it is a false statement.

POE—ALSTON
 Mrs. Charley Elizabeth Alston of Philadelphia, Pa., formerly of 708 Denny Street, Richmond, Va., announces the marriage of her daughter, Lucile Virginia to Mr. Therman Archie Poe.
 The marriage took place Thursday, December 8, 1927 at the parsonage of Rev. J. H. Dwellie.
 Mr. and Mrs. Poe will make their future home at 1842 North Twenty-fourth Street, Philadelphia.

ADVANCE QUARTERLY MEETING AT ST. PAUL BAPTIST CHURCH.
 You are cordially invited to attend the service of the Home Mission Society to be held at St. Paul Baptist Church, Denon and Henrico Streets, Richmond, Va. Sunday January 29, 1928 at 3:30 P. M. Program of Fifty Years Ago, under the auspices of the Grand United Order of Knights of Damon. Please bring a friend with you. Sermon by Rev. M. W. Rainey, Pastor of First Baptist Church, East Richmond, accompanied by his choir.
 Invitation Committee: C. J. Puryear, James Williams, Charles Henderson, William Venable, J. R. Crawley, Milton Ross, V. R. Ivey, J. L. Stovall, Frank Matthews, James Smith, John Ellis, Sophia Lyons, John Ford, Mattie Puryear, Charles H. Morton Sr., Bertha Rank, Ellie Babbs, Marion Parker, John Syms, Ida Ellis, G. R. Quarles, Laura Scott, John Williams, Annie B. Brown, Laura W. Davis, Mae Summerset, Mary Carrington, Sarah Drew, Martha Farmer, Hester Cooke, Lenora Jones, Isetta Warren, Annie Norwood, Irene Clarke, Henrietta Clay, L. J. Randolph, Jesse Lewis, Sir J. C. Randolph, President; R. E. Morton, Secretary.

DR. GRAHAM'S ELECTION.
 When Dr. Alexander departed this life and Dr. A. A. Graham was elected in his stead as Corresponding Secretary, he received all the Lott Carey mail. I had borrowed \$100 (one hundred dollars) from the bank in Porto Rico against the Lott Carey Society. The note was sent to Dr. W. T. Johnson. He was away and no one in his office. The note went back to protest and my friend in Porto Rico had it to pay. In the meantime I was struck in New York by an automobile. It was just after the war and all the steamers going to West Africa were crowded. In the meeting called in Richmond prior to this to thwart my going to Africa had been defeated in its purpose. Dr. Graham called the meeting and urged me to be present at that meeting. He never told me the purpose of it. As I was going out as a physician, I felt impelled to take some request for my work. It was also to be married that very day to the favorite daughter of my son and Mrs. Tharps and made requests for her school that

TRIED TO HOLD US IN SLAVERY.
 He gave us a contract for 3 years and when the fourth year was out we applied for a furlough. He had no money with which to pay our expenses. He also informed us that our contract automatically renewed itself—mark you, without consent of the parties contracting. We could not reach the Board. He broke open and confiscated my mail sent in his care. He had planned to starve us to death, but God delivered us.

COMMITTEE OF ARBITRATION.
 Here in America he was like a lion. In Brooklyn, I could not meet the Board or have a word to say in the Convention, until those few words at the closing of the meeting. Dr. Graham owed us when we reached America \$2,394 (two thousand, three hundred and ninety four dollars). I could get no hearing. He acted far from a Christian or even a gentleman. I appealed to the brethren for a committee of arbitration. The Committee met in Washington, D. C. accepted my report and took out of my salary every cent that I had made upon the field without allowing me one cent for expenses. The Convention by rights still owes me \$1,294 (one thousand two hundred and ninety-four dollars). Dr. Brown said in the November issue of the Lott Carey Herald that they paid me above contract price \$2,000 (two thousand dollars) and that is untrue.

CARD OF THANKS.
 My Christmas would have been very lonely and desolate on account of the Reaper Death having taken my dear cousin suddenly from labor to reward, had not many loving friends of my Colonel remembered me bountifully, but requested their

BESSIE H. CHERRY DIES SUDDENLY.
 Mrs. Bessie H. Cherry, of 901 N. Fifth Street, who was sister-in-law of Dr. E. R. Jefferson, died suddenly January 6, at about 3:30 A. M. from acute indigestion, also designated as angina pectoris. She was practically dead when medical attention could be given her. Her funeral took place at the First Baptist Church Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. Dr. W. T. Johnson officiated.

ALL STEAMERS CROWDED.
 The second time I sailed under his direction in 1920 he was hurrying us on to Liverpool to secure passage for ourselves and for Misses Banks and Gooding. It was just after the war and all the steamers going to West Africa were crowded. In the meeting called in Richmond prior to this to thwart my going to Africa had been defeated in its purpose. Dr. Graham called the meeting and urged me to be present at that meeting. He never told me the purpose of it. As I was going out as a physician, I felt impelled to take some request for my work. It was also to be married that very day to the favorite daughter of my son and Mrs. Tharps and made requests for her school that

THE AFRICAN COMMISSION.
 Drs. Brown and Graham came to Liberia and we were all very glad to see them. For my part, I was ready to take up my bed and walk, for I had heard that they were coming with an express purpose of discharging me. The day after my discharging, I had prepared to step right over into another field and keep driving. Their stay was an inspiration to us all. We did not get the cash that we anticipated, because our salaries were far behind. I do not think that they left \$300 upon the entire field. They organized a Board of Control and made me chairman. Very soon after reaching America the Corresponding Secretary failed to recognize the Board he had put into existence. We were going to the expense of meeting and

MEDICAL EDUCATION.
 Dr. Stokes in his effort to up-

FULTON NOTES.
 A powerful sermon was delivered by Rev. G. W. Goodgame, of Birmingham, Ala., at Calvary Baptist Church Sunday morning. He is a student at Union, Rev. C. A. Cobbs, Vergie Meads, Walter Johnson and C. B. Jefferson were on the rostrum. Mr. Lemuel Eggleston and friends were present. The Pastor preached a creditable sermon at night.
 Shiloh Baptist Church extends an invitation to all to hear a great message by Rev. Daniel Hargrove, of North Carolina, Sunday 8:30 P. M. Tomorrow at 8 P. M. There will be a great mass meeting at Rising Mt. Zion Baptist Church under the auspices of the Fulton Lily Beneficial Society, No. 1, Inc. The principal address will be delivered by the pastor, Rev. O. B. Simms, B. Th. Members will wear regalia.
 The good people of the New Vine Baptist Church, Charles City County presented their pastor, Rev. W. L. Tuck and his Madam with several valuable gifts at their Christmas exercises.
 Rev. S. L. Bush enjoyed a fine Christmas. Several presents were given him by the church, including a heavy overcoat.

FRAGMENTS OF LUXURY WILL BE PRESENTED MONDAY.
 We will present what you have been waiting for so very long Monday night, January 16, 1928 at the True Reformers Auditorium, the play which was written and so gracefully directed by Preston Williams. The play has a strong cast, consisting of Misses Mammie Wood, leading lady and Edith Pollard, Pearl Lucas Messers, Aubrey Pollard, Leon Cooke Zack Landis, Jr. Musc's galore will be furnished by the noted and able Union University Collegians directed by Mr. Commodore Bennett, assisted by Mr. Preston Johnson. You must be present to witness your own comedian, Mr. Castor Oil. Come early to get a good seat. "Come for curiosity."
 If you have had a busy, blue day, follow the crowds to witness this play—Monday. Our program consists of some of the best music obtainable and each number will be of the rarest.

PROF. MILES MARK FISHER RESIGNS FACULTY OF VIRGINIA UNION FOR ACTIVE PASTORATE.



RUMORED FISHER WILL FILL LOCAL PULPIT. SHEPHERDS NOTES.

Rev. Miles Mark Fisher, popular member of the faculty of the Virginia Union University has resigned his professorship in the Theological Department and will devote his entire time to the active ministry. Prof. Fisher has been a member of Union's faculty for five years and has accomplished great good for the school and the community.
 Rev. Fisher has also resigned the pastorates of Second Liberty Baptist Church, New Kent County and Elam Baptist Church, Charles City County. They are in healthy-spiritual and financial condition. Pew rallies on special days amounted to over \$3000 at both churches—largest known amounts raised at one time by any rural churches in Virginia.
 It is rumored that Rev. Fisher will accept a church in Richmond, Va. He preached last Sunday at the 31st Street Baptist Church to an enthusiastic audience of members and friends on Church Hill.
 The following is the content of Prof. Fisher's letter of resignation:
 The President and Trustees, Virginia Union University, Richmond, Virginia.
 Dear Mr. President and Gentlemen: For the past five years I have been happily to be associated with the splendid work of Virginia Union University. Probably our academic profession, and the genesis of the University's history—"Virginia Union University and Some of Her Achievements"—and the recently established Phi Alpha Sigma honorary fraternity are the more tangible expressions of my presence.
 It has been my pleasure to assist in instructing youth who are highly typical of the rising generation, and it has been my delight to have had the company and friendship of esteemed colleagues. Union is a great school administered by men of sterling character and integrity. Its future is assured among the better institutions for the training of young men and women.
 So many pleasant experiences at the University in Richmond and in the rural districts of Virginia increase the difficulty of my leaving my professorship in the Richmond Theological Seminary. Yet, I must give myself wholly to my preaching ministry. As a result, please accept this letter as my formal resignation to become effective not later than the last of March, 1928. I trust that my desire to assist my successor in any possible way will counterbalance any break in the Theological Department which may be caused by my leaving during a semester.
 When my residence here will be terminated, I hope that you will give me the pleasure of becoming one of your supporting constituents. Written word about my work here both from you and from my colleagues would cheer me during the days when my thoughts will be turned to this place made famous by many earnest souls.
 Yours for a Greater Union,
 MILES MARK FISHER.

An overflow Union Degree Meeting was held on the first Friday night at the Samaritan Hall. More than 25 candidates were initiated into the ranks of the Improved Order Shepherds and Daughters of Bethlehem by Secretary A. C. Clark. Grand Presiding Shepherd Ora Brown Stokes delivered a very timely and instructive address to the members of the Order gathered at this meeting. The ovation received by her at the conclusion of her address showed plainly that what she said was approved by every one present. At the conclusion of this meeting refreshments were served and every one went away happy.
 Clark's Invincible Fold held a very well attended meeting on the 9th inst. This Fold is pulling hard for the two hundred mark.
 The membership campaign meeting held on the 10th was filled with enthusiasm. The Reds walked away with more than three more members than the Blues reported at this meeting. Both sides are girding themselves for the final fray which promises to be the biggest thing ever pulled off in Richmond.
 Now is the opportunity for every one who wishes to join a live, wide awake, progressive fraternal organization with a big humanitarian program. Before this month is out your application will be solicited.
 The following death claims were paid during the past month:
 H. L. Arms'ead, Pamplin, Va.
 Samuel Smith, Richmond, Va.
 George W. Hayes, Richmond, Va.
 Rev. E. Broadus, Red Star, W. Va.
 Hazel D. Marshall, Spring Mills, Va.
 Rachel Price, Chesler, Va.
 Emanuel M. Dent, Covington Va.
 Charles Carter, Nohad, Va.
 The Director of our play "Fragments of Luxury" requests all ticket sellers to meet at the True Reformers Auditorium Monday night 7:30 o'clock to clear up the tickets in circulation. Report to your Presiding Shepherd or Ticket Chairman.