

\$1,500. A most desirable building lot was donated by one of the elders. It is proposed to maintain a Sunday school and preaching services under the direction of the session. In that part of town, east of the Frisco Railroad, there are more than 200 children who do not attend Sunday school and several hundred adults who do not attend church, so that there is a great opportunity to do good.

J. E. Flow, Pastor.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Charlotte: One hundred and two persons have expressed a willingness to go into the organization of a new church in the Elizabeth Heights suburb of Charlotte, and good provision has already been made looking towards the support of a minister in the field.

At a called meeting of the Presbytery of Concord in Salisbury, March 1, Rev. C. B. Heller was received from the Reformed Church and arrangements were made for his installation as pastor of Chestnut Hill and Spencer churches March 17. The pastoral relations between Rev. R. A. Lapsey, Jr., and the churches of Newton and Sherrill's Ford was dissolved and Bro. Lapsey dismissed to Presbytery of Wilmington, to take charge of the church at Clarkton, N. C. Am enjoying very much the recent numbers of The Presbyterian of the South, especially the editorials, the articles on Romanism and Dr. Johnson's account of the Chattanooga Convention.

Dugald Munroe.

Davidson: The week of prayer for Home Missions is being formally observed here. On Tuesday afternoon and again this afternoon special prayer services will have been held and Saturday afternoon there will be a union service for the ladies of the several congregations of Davidson, Cornelius and adjoining territory. Dr. Richards has begun a series of sermons that in aim and design are leading up to the canvass soon to be made for the beneficence causes of the church. This canvass, following that for current expenses, will be divided into two parts, one for foreign missions, in which the request is to be made for contributions amounting to \$1000 and a like amount for the other causes.

OKLAHOMA.

The Presbytery of Durant, Synod of Oklahoma, will meet in the Presbyterian church of Coalgate, Okla., on April 24, 1912, at 8 o'clock, P. M. The Sabbath School Convention of the Presbytery will meet on the day before the 23rd at 8 o'clock, in the Coalgate church.

Erskine Brantly, S. C.

Erlek: There was a service of unusual interest and beauty at this place Sunday morning, February 18th, when our church building, being free from debt, was formally dedicated. We were most fortunate in having with us for the occasion the Rev. J. M. Clark, of Shawnee, Chairman of Home Missions of Mangum Presbytery. Services were continued throughout the week following until Saturday, when Mr. Clark, on account of the pressure of other duties, was obliged to return to Shawnee, but it was a season of great inspiration and encouragement to those privileged to hear him, and one that has left a profound impression upon a community that rarely hears such an appealing and convincing presentation of gospel truths. We have already had eight accessions to our membership as a result, and several more will probably follow.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Lancaster: Rev. Hugh R. Murchison, recently of Bishopville, S. C., has been installed as pastor of the Lancaster church, Revs. Alexander Martin and J. T. Dandy and Professor J. W. Thompson

forming the commission of Presbytery for the installation.

Mission work in Bethel Presbytery: Since our spring meeting last year, the evangelist has paid two hundred and fifty calls, received fifty members, and baptised ten, preached one hundred and thirteen sermons, secured pastors for three groups of churches. A new church has been organized at Great Falls, with the prospect of a brick church and a good manse, at this point in the near future. We also have a brick church under way at Van Wyck, for which a lot was given as valued at \$200, also \$800 worth of brick, lime, lumber and nails to the amount of \$270. A subscription sheet with \$800 on it is also on hand for this house. The building when finished will cost about \$5,000. Nine members were received in this church during the past year. On account of the rough weather the building has been stopped, but we expect to see the walls up soon now, as spring comes in. The good work goes on, although our home treasury is empty, and some missionaries unpaid.

Your servant,

James Russell.

Columbia: Last October Rev. Dr. R. G. Peatson, Professor of English Bible in Columbia Theological Seminary, was invited by the session of the First Presbyterian church to organize and teach a bible class for the men and women of the congregation. We had never had a live and successful Bible class for adults, and the small one meeting in connection with the Sabbath School had languished for many years with frequent change of teachers.

Dr. Pearson undertook the work with his accustomed skill, energy and enthusiasm. The result has been one of the most notable Bible study classes in the country. It has been meeting in the auditorium of the church at ten o'clock every Sabbath morning, with an average attendance of about one hundred under the most adverse weather conditions known here for twenty-five years. Among the members are professors and students of the Seminary, the State University, and the College for Women, many Christian workers from our own and other churches, and business as well as professional men from the city.

From the first the interest and enthusiasm of the members has been marked, and the influence of the class upon the city has been noteworthy. It has, in fact, been by far the most stimulating, profitable and successful Bible class I have ever known. Dr. Pearson in the handling of the class and in the teaching of his subject, the Pentateuch, has shown himself a singularly skillful leader and profound Biblical scholar.

His remarkable success is due, I believe, chiefly to:

1. His analytical method of treating his subject (using a blackboard with topical outlines, sub-divisions, keywords, charts, etc.).
2. His constant harmonizing of the Old and New Testaments.
3. His striking original applications, now humorous, now eloquent, of the great Bible truths to the practical questions of the day.
4. His power of stimulating a fresh interest in first-hand, personal Bible study.
5. Above all, the evangelical and devotional spirit which energizes his teaching to a remarkable degree.

Dr. Pearson is endowed with rare and brilliant gifts as a teacher. He is a man of wide intellectual range, of warm human sympathies, and of long and varied experience. He is fearlessly outspoken and has the noble courage of his convictions. He avails himself of the most modern methods of teaching, such as we are accustomed to hear in the universities in the treatment of the literary

and historical subjects. His teaching in a word is scholarly, practical, stimulating, devotional and evangelical.

It should be added that the class is well organized with officers, reading of minutes, a weekly collection which makes it self-supporting, and is opened with a hymn and prayer.

George Armstrong Wauchope,
Professor of English.

Chester: Some years ago, during the pastorates of Dr. Summey and Dr. McLaughlin, our church issued a small paper called "The Puritan."

At a recent joint meeting of the elders and deacons it was decided to resurrect "The Puritan."

Hence "The Puritan Presbyterian."

Many churches are finding by actual experience that such a modest sheet is most helpful in their work.

"The Puritan Presbyterian" will enter every home of our Church every month with a message concerning the work which Purity Presbyterian church is attempting to do, at home and abroad, for Christ and his Church.

It will strive to enlist every member of our church in some definite work for God and for man.

TENNESSEE.

Franklin: The Franklin church, from which Rev. Dr. W. J. McMillan moved to Baltimore a few weeks ago, has called Rev. W. A. Cleveland, of Steele Creek church, Mecklenburg county, N. C. Mr. Cleveland is well known in Middle Tennessee, because of his very successful pastorates at Lewisburg and Mt. Pleasant, in Columbia Presbytery.

Memphis: The Third church, recently has extended a unanimous call to Rev. R. F. Kirkpatrick, of Monroe, N. C.

Pulaski: So much of church work and of kindly deeds is due to the good women of the churches. Sometimes one woman suggests and others follow in her train to make many hearts glad.

It was after this fashion that a delightful reception was given the pastor's family and the congregation, by the ladies of the church, at the manse on the evening of February 28th, in honor of the twentieth anniversary of the present pastorate.

A new manse, soon to be built or bought, is an assured fact.

Six additions by letters within the past two weeks.

Religious Work at Southwestern Presbyterian University: The week of prayer was observed and was a time of refreshment in spiritual things. Dr. Weatherford, of Nashville, Rev. T. H. Harrison, Dr. Sommerville, Dr. D. Mercer P. Logan, Dr. E. L. McNair, and the Clarksville pastorate participated. Dr. McNair's address the closing night was clear and earnest and sound in the faith. Only two students are non-professors and they have signified their intention of seeking salvation.

The candidates prayer meeting in the Palmer Room is a source of spiritual power. It is now under the direction of Mr. H. S. Sneed, as president, and is well attended. The Palmer Memorial Day includes a monthly season of prayer for missions. Daily in the chapel all students attend prayers conducted by the chancellor and each professor in turn. In addition to scholarship the S. P. U. professors must be able to conduct public worship.

A series of chapel talks inaugurated by the chancellor is apt to grow into a useful exercise.

The Divinity School has enrolled nineteen students, a larger number than for some years. They include some men of great promise.

Nearly all of them are engaged in local mission work, in Sunday schools, negro schools and the jail. Mr. Tomb and Mr. Hoffman have held religious services at the city jail and

have distributed tracts and religious literature there. Mr. Ralston is planning a protracted meeting at the school house on the Nashville pike. The South Clarksville work is under the direction of Prof. Fulton, assisted by Mr. Hardy, who holds services also at Center Grove. At Macedonia, three miles away, across Cumberland river, Mr. McJunkin holds regular services. Mr. Harper is superintendent of the Stafford Street Mission. In the local church a number of the men are teachers and helpers in the Sunday school. A number of the faculty are teachers also.

Several of the young men are volunteers for missions. One of them, Mr. Jno. C. McQueen, of New Orleans, is under appointment for Africa.

Prof. Rosebro is supplying the Franklin church and Rev. J. P. Stevenson, the Hermitage and Edgefield group; Dr. Sommerville, also, at the Lester Memorial, Franklin, and Guthrie, in Kentucky.

TEXAS.

Greenville: Rev. Jas. E. Green has taken charge of the Greenville church and may now be addressed at Greenville, instead of Temple.

Texarkana: An outline of the Sunday School lesson prepared by Dr. W. Irving Carroll, pastor of the First church, is printed every Saturday by the morning paper. Dr. Carroll also conducts a Monday night Bible lecture attended by people from the various churches. This winter his topic has been "Atonement by Blood."

Clarksville: Features of interest in the church at this place are: A monthly meeting of the elders and deacons jointly; the increase of interest in the study of the Shorter Catechism by old and young; a weekly choir practice; the use of the Assembly's plan of collection with encouraging success. A class in the Confession of Faith, mainly for officers, is soon to be established. Interest is steadily growing in the idea of a ladies' missionary study class, which will no doubt soon be established. The pastor preaches at outlying points, school houses, etc., and intends to do yet more of it in the future. Many new people are already in town, and country adjacent, attracted by the fine black land. The railroad soon to be built will bring many more.

Forney—A Correction: An egregious blunder was made in the appeal of the Ladies' Aid Society of Forney, for help in buying the stereopticon outfit for the Orphans' Home. It should have read "month" where week is used. There are about 500 pictures which would cost not less than \$200 as nearly 100 of this lot cost \$150 each.

If any contributor is dissatisfied after this correction and will notify Mrs. D. G. McKellar, Forney, Texas, she will return the money at once.

The Presbytery of Cisco held a called meeting in Abilene, Texas, February 29th and transacted the following business:

The date of the spring meeting was changed from March 29th to April 19th, 11 A. M.

Rev. T. S. Knox was received from the Presbytery of El Paso. Rev. R. C. McAdie was dismissed to the Presbytery of Fort Worth. The Home Mission work was discussed and the urgent need of three more ministers in three vacant fields was emphasized.

The Presbytery now consists of three resident ministers and three non-resident ministers.

Rev. J. A. Gray, Abilene, Texas, is the Chairman of the Home Mission Committee.

J. D. Leslie, S. C.

The Presbytery of Fort Worth met in special session in the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A., Itasca, Texas, on March 15, 1912, at 11:30 A. M.