

Time and Place—Presbytery adjourned to meet at Hopkinsville, Ky., October 12, 1915, at 8:30 A. M.

E. E. Smith, S. C.

#### TRANSYLVANIA

Met in Hustonville, Ky., April 6th, and was opened with a sermon by Rev. John E. Park, moderator. Twenty ministers and eighteen ruling elders were enrolled.

**Organization:** Rev. Bunyan McLeod, moderator; Rev. Willis Thompson, temporary clerk.

**Memorial Service:** The death of Rev. Joseph H. Hopper was announced, and Presbytery paid tribute to his memory, addresses being made by a number of his brethren.

**Assembly Matters:** Presbytery disapproved of the proposed amendment of the Book of Church Order providing for the election of ruling elders and deacons to serve for a limited time.

**Two overtures** to the Assembly were adopted, the first asking that the General Assembly of 1916 be called "The Country Church Assembly," and that a committee be appointed to arrange a program of exercises for the consideration of the opportunities, needs, problems and support of the country church. The second asks that the expenses of commissioners paid by the Assembly be limited to the net cost of transportation.

**Home Missions:** The report of the Home Mission Committee recorded the most substantial progress made in many years, the work of the Presbytery being in better condition than probably at any time in its history. Encouraging progress has been made in practically every department of the work. The labors of the evangelist, Rev. J. A. Trostle, have proven valuable both in the churches and mission fields, and the results have been excellent. A general exchange of pulpits was ordered May 9th for the presentation of this cause in all the churches. Rev. C. R. Blain, of Pineville, was made chairman and treasurer of Home Missions.

The cause of **Foreign Missions** received special attention, and following the adoption of the report a half-hour was spent in special prayer for this great work. Rev. W. B. Harrison, after presenting the claims of this cause in many of our churches during his protracted stay in this country, was enabled, chiefly through the efforts of the Ladies' Missionary Societies, to return with his family to his work in Korea.

The **Committee on Christian Education** recommended that the churches be urged to pray and work for a more wholesome religious atmosphere and deeper spirituality in the home life of our people, so that their sons will the more naturally offer themselves for the work of the holy ministry.

The **Woman's Presbyterian Union** reported twenty societies with 916 members. Their gifts to the causes of beneficence amounted to \$4,081. Four societies are not connected with the union and three churches have no missionary societies. Their next meeting will be held in Pineville, and every church is asked to send representatives.

The **fall meeting** of Presbytery will be held in Somerset, beginning September 28th.

E. M. Green, S. C.

#### WEST LEXINGTON PRESBYTERY

Met at Guerrant, Ky., in the chapel of Highland College, April 13th. The opening sermon was preached by the last moderator present, Rev. W. A. Hopkins, from 2 K. 2:19-22. The Presbytery was entertained by Professor and Mrs. C. E. Wells in the college dormitories. This hospitality contributed greatly to the pleasure of

the commissioners and to the dispatch of business. Rev. J. D. Wallace was elected temporary clerk.

**Moderator:** Rev. J. J. Rice was elected moderator.

**Candidates:** Messrs. Sidney Jett, Clayton Hurst and George Belcher were taken under the care of Presbytery as candidates for the ministry. All three are mountain boys, and are receiving their education in Highland College. Licentiates, Messrs. D. J. Cumming and Clarence C. White were licensed as probationers to preach the gospel.

**Evangelism:** The committee reported a delightful and profitable conference on evangelism at Pisgah in November. "We rejoice at the evidences of the revival spirit in the Church at large and within the bounds of the Presbytery."

**Organization of Churches:** A church at Blackey was organized October 18, 1914, where Stuart Robinson College is located. Rev. H. S. Henderson, president of the college, accepted a call to the church, and will be installed.

**Place of Fall Meeting:** Elm Corner was chosen as the place of the fall meeting.

**Resolutions:** Resolutions were passed by Presbytery expressing appreciation of the great work accomplished by Dr. E. O. Guerrant in the mountains, Highland College itself being a striking illustration.

Resolutions were also passed expressing appreciation of the splendid work of Rev. I. C. Hunt while superintendent of Home Missions.

**Foreign Missions:** The committee presented facts furnished by the committee at Nashville. They further reported that great numbers of people, heretofore indifferent, are turning to God; that the growing desire for the religion of Jesus Christ is taking on more and more a definite form; that neglected countries are becoming the object of intense interest and thoughtful study. Mexico was cited as the richest country in the world for the extent of its territory, suggestive of its boundless material and spiritual resources, which it may be our privilege under God to develop.

**Overture:** An overture was sent up to the General Assembly that the plans for raising the beneficent contributions be so rearranged that the initial movement shall be made by the individual churches and not by the various executive committees and agencies; that the executive committees shall set forth their needs, and a definite effort be made to secure from each church a statement as to what it will undertake, and that the planning and appropriations of the executive committees be made on the basis of these reports.

**Recommendation of the General Assembly:** The suggestion to amend chapter VI, section IV, of the Book of Church Order, relative to a rotary eldership and diaconate, was answered in the affirmative.

**Commissioners to the Assembly:** Rev. Messrs. William Cumming, D. D., and J. M. Spencer, D. D., were elected principals, and Rev. Messrs. Allen Jones, Jr., and S. P. Hawes were elected alternates. Ruling Elders J. C. Tarleton and C. E. Wells were elected principals, and Elders J. H. Newland and F. J. Eversole alternates.

**Narrative:** The committee reported that in a large proportion of our churches the people are showing an interest in religion by a growing attendance on the worship of God. Their gifts are larger than formerly. The past year has been one of special blessing in manifestations of the power of the Holy Spirit.

**Home Missions:** The fields are supplied and the workers paid. They are active, aggressive and faithful. Mr. T. B. Talbot was commended for his

wisdom, energy, devotion and efficiency. He was elected superintendent of Home Missions and Sunday-school missionary for the coming year.

**Sabbath Schools:** Out of twenty-eight reporting, nineteen report more or less marked religious interest. Six schools were organized, eighteen partly organized. There were 125 additions to the church. Progress in Sunday-school extension has been gratifying.

A resolution was passed expressing the thanks of Presbytery to Professor and Mrs. C. E. Wells for their kind hospitality, and to the 'bus lines.

S. M. Logan, S. C.

#### NEW ORLEANS PRESBYTERY

Met in Slidell, La., April 20th. Seventeen ministers and eleven ruling elders were enrolled. Rev. Dr. U. D. Mooney preached the opening sermon. Rev. E. H. Gregory, of Garyville, was elected moderator.

One new church, North Bogalusa, was enrolled. Several absent ministers were excused for non-attendance. Rev. P. Ph. Briol, who has been in France and Switzerland during the last two years, was heard from. He desires help for the work of the Reformed church in France. Rev. S. Wingo, of the Baptist church, was introduced as a visiting brother.

Popular meetings were held in the interest of missions, with addresses by Rev. Dr. George H. Cornelson, Jr., and Rev. A. H. Ziemer, and of Sunday-schools, with addresses by Rev. John Nelson Blackburn and Mr. A. Verrault, a French Sunday-school missionary.

A commission was appointed to visit the Atkinson Memorial church, of Morgan City, to investigate its affairs and act upon matters connected with its supplyship. The commission's members being Revs. Dr. W. McF. Alexander, John Nelson Blackburn, C. S. Sholl and Elders E. S. Upton and Robert W. Marshall.

The Home Missions Committee made a report covering its transactions of the past year, one of the most interesting and almost thrilling of which was the complete payment of the heavy debt with which the work has been burdened for several years. The committee received the praise of the Presbytery, and was unanimously re-elected, its members being Rev. Drs. George Summey, George H. Cornelson, Jr., John W. Caldwell, Jr., and U. D. Mooney and Elders William T. Hardie, John S. Talmage and A. B. Dinwiddie.

Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows: Rev. Drs. W. McF. Alexander and U. D. Mooney and Ruling Elders Robert W. Marshall and E. M. Stebbins, all from New Orleans except Mr. Stebbins, who is from Abbeville. Alternates, Rev. F. C. Talmage, Covington; Rev. Dr. John W. Caldwell, Jr., New Orleans; Mr. John S. Talmage, New Orleans, and Mr. E. S. Upton, New Orleans.

The Presbytery unanimously resolved to continue its earnest and solemn protest against the violations of comity lately practiced by the Presbytery of Jefferson, of the Northern Church, in its invasion of territory, its making disaffected and disciplined ministers its agents there, and in its entrance into one of the churches of New Orleans Presbytery to install a pastor.

Mr. John Davidson was re-elected treasurer. Carrollton was chosen as the place for the next meeting. Provision was made for special attention at the next meeting to the subjects of the Sabbath and family religion. Evangelistic powers were given, until the next meeting, to the ministers working under the care of the Home Missions Committee, in their respective fields where needful, and under the same conditions to the ministerial members of the Home Missions Committee to be exercised, under the com-

mittee's direction, in fields which may be without evangelists or sessions.

**THE PRESBYTERY OF RED RIVER** Met in the Presbyterian church, Minden, La., Tuesday, April 20th, with twelve ministers and thirteen elders present. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. C. Tenney, the retiring moderator.

**Officers:** Rev. J. F. Naylor, moderator, and Rev. J. C. McQueen, temporary clerk.

**Corresponding Member:** Rev. R. L. Walkup, of the Presbytery of Mississippi.

**Dismissed:** Rev. C. F. Hoffman to the Presbytery of Louisiana.

Commissioners to the General Assembly were elected as follows: Rev. Jasper K. Smith, D. D., with Rev. W. C. Tenney alternate; Ruling Elder John Glassell, of the First church, Shreveport, with Ruling Elder C. M. Hutton, of the Minden church, alternate.

**Foreign Missions** received due consideration by the Presbytery. Members expressed themselves as being much gratified that the deficit for the past year was not so much as that of the preceding year. An excellent report was presented by the chairman, in which it was recommended that the Presbytery undertake to raise the \$3,200 apportioned us for the year, this being only \$66 above the amount contributed last year.

The **Home Mission** work of the Presbytery is in good condition, all of our churches, but two, having been supplied with regular services for practically the entire year. A critical time seems to have come in that the Assembly's committee has been compelled to reduce its appropriations to the work, but there are hopeful signs that the churches will make special efforts to increase their gifts for their own support, and save the work from injury. There are four self-supporting, and twenty-eight dependent churches within our bounds.

The **Summer Training School for Christian Workers** to be held in Baton Rouge June 15th-24th was heartily endorsed. Our people were urged to take advantage of the opportunities afforded by this course, and the Sunday-schools were asked to meet their share of the expense of maintaining the school.

**Systematic Beneficence** was given special attention in a conference, under direction of the permanent committee. Rev. R. L. Walkup, representing the Assembly's Campaign Committee on Stewardship, made the conference most helpful by his suggestions, and by his answers to the many questions presented for consideration. The Presbytery expressed its hearty appreciation of his visit. The report sent up to the General Assembly shows \$8,485 contributed for all benevolences, an increase of \$1,900 over last year.

The **next meeting** will be held in the Dunlap Memorial church, Shreveport, Tuesday, October 12, 1915, at 7:30 P. M.

A hearty vote of thanks was extended the people of Minden church, together with the people of other congregations, for the kind hospitality extended the Presbytery.

H. M. McLaurin, S. C.

#### EAST MISSISSIPPI PRESBYTERY

Met in Lauderdale, Miss., April 13th, and by request the opening sermon was preached by Rev. J. E. Jones, D. D. There were present twelve ministers and eleven elders.

Rev. J. F. Eddins was chosen moderator, and Mr. H. L. Morrison temporary clerk.

A communication from Rev. J. H. Lumkin with reference to the claim of LaGrange Synodical College against