

Marriages

McKinnon-Campbell: At the home of the bride's father, Judge Daniel Campbell, in DeFuniak Springs, Fla., on April 19, 1916 at 6 P. M., by Rev. Daniel J. Currie, Mr. John L. McKinnon and Miss Mary A. Campbell, both of DeFuniak Springs.

Perkins-Coulson: At Greenville, Texas, in the home of the bride, by Rev. T. O. Perrin, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Mr. Wallace W. Perkins of Dallas, Texas, and Miss Marian Coulson of Greenville.

Deaths

MISS MARGARET E. GIBERT.

On Wednesday evening, March 15 1916, at her home near Abbeyville, S. C., Miss Margaret Elizabeth Gibert departed this life after an illness of more than four months. She had been in declining health for four years, but not once during all these years of suffering was there a murmur of complaint.

Miss Gibert was the eldest child of the late Rev. Jas. T. and Elizabeth Ann Baskin Gibert, being of the old Huguenot stock. Those who are fortunate enough to own Dr. George Howe's "History of the Presbyterian Church in South Carolina," will find (on pages 344-444 Volume 1) a very interesting account of the Gibert family and their connection with the Huguenot Colony, which emigrated from France, and finally settled at New Bordeaux, in Abbyville County in 1764.

She was born in Abbyville county on March 29th, 1841, receiving her education at Cokesbury College.

In early childhood she united with Sebanon Presbyterian Church, during her father's pastorate.

As a Christian, Miss Gibert was impressive by the quiet repose of her faith, the earnestness of her motives, the sincerity of her purpose, the purity of her life and the steady tenacity of her efforts to do good. By her kind and genial manners, her modest and retiring disposition, her timely attention to the poor and the stranger, she secured to herself the veneration and affection of all with whom she came in contact. At variance with the general practice of the present day, she was a strict observer of the Lord's Day and constantly deplored the tendency toward laxness in this observance.

Those who had the privilege of watching beside her during her last illness received a beautiful lesson in patience, humility, faith and trust.

She is survived by her aged mother, one brother, James S. Gibert; and three sisters, Mrs. John G. Evans, Miss Annie H. Gibert, Miss Lucy G. Gibert and a number of relatives who mourn her loss.

Contributed.

JOHN GORDON RENNIE M. D.

Our City was plunged into mourning by the sad news last Thursday, March 30th, that Dr. J. Gordon Rennie had died suddenly in the Polyclinic Hospital in New York. The announcement cast a gloom over the whole City, his near friends were greatly shocked and visibly distressed.

His health had not been good for a long time, but those nearest and dearest to him did not expect or dream that the end was near.

He enjoyed the confidence of his large circle of patients and was family physician, advisor and friend in many of the homes of Petersburg.

He was interested in everything that he thought would advance the relig-

ious or business interests of his City.

Soon after beginning the practice of medicine, he was elected a deacon of Tabb Street Church, afterwards he became president of the Board of deacons. Though often prevented from attending the services of God's house, he was always ready to continue to the Lord's work and did so with gracious liberality. His interest in the things of the kingdom was evident.

Standing by his grave, a friend said "He literally gave his life for the people," another replied "So did his Divine Master and Lord," with such just praise his body was laid to rest.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that we the Elders and Deacons of Tabb Street Church, call again to mourn the loss of a friend and brother, do humbly bow in submission to the will of God our Father, knowing that He never afflicts willingly but always for our good.

Second:—That we express hereby our own personal loss and the loss that our Church and City has sustained in the death of such a useful man and such a sincere Christian.

Third:—That we tender to his family, especially the wife and children of our friend and brother our tenderest sympathy commending them to Him who has promised to be the Father of the fatherless and the Husband of the widow.

Fourth:—That we renew our own vows to the Lord, and taught by this affliction do determine to strive more faithfully to serve with heart and life, and so erect a living monument to him, who has gone to his reward.

Fifth:—And that these resolutions be spread upon our minutes, a copy sent to the family of Dr. Rennie and to the Church papers.

Alfred Friend Jr.
J. B. McCulloch.
Alexander D. Hamilton.
Committee.

DR. JOHN W. AYLER.

Dr. John W. Ayler, Senior Elder, in point of years, of the First Presbyterian Church, died at his home Monday morning, February 28th, 1916.

Dr. Ayler was in his seventy-eighth year and had been a consecrated Christian since early manhood. He was a devout and godly man, a devoted member of the church, and a valued officer.

His death came suddenly, but tri-sympathy were adopted by the Session but a few minutes before he passed away.

The following resolutions of love and sympathy were adopted by the Session of the Church.

First: That we deeply feel his loss, but we bow in humble submission to the will of Him whose counsels are wise and who makes no mistakes.

Second: That our consolations and deepest sympathy be extended to his bereaved family, and we pray that they may have the comfort of the Holy Spirit in their sorrow and loss.

Third: That a page of our minute book be dedicated to his memory, on which shall be inscribed the dates of his birth and death, and the record of his long service as elder in the Church.

Fourth: That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Session, that a copy be sent to the members of his family, and that they be published in the papers of the city, and the Presbyterian of the South.

Signed,
W. J. Hughes,
A. Shankland,
W. E. Thomas.
For the Session.

Sorrow and silence are strong and patient endurance is Godlike.—Long-fellow.

Presbyteries

NORTH ALABAMA.

Place of Meeting: Plunket Memorial church, Fairfield.

The Opening Sermon by Rev. T. P. Hay, D. D., on "Evangelism."

Officers: Rev. G. H. Bell, moderator; Rev. J. E. Hixson, temporary clerk.

Reception: Rev. E. P. Craddock, from Meridian.

Dismissal: Rev. S. W. Rogers to Presbytery of St. John's.

Ordinations: E. E. Washburn, to evangelistic work.

The attendance was large; the weather perfect, and the entertainment by the people of this young and vigorous church up to the very best.

Reports were for the most part favorable. The Committee on Home Missions reported workers paid in full to date and plans were presented for the supply of a number of groups.

An Overture was sent to the Assembly again calling attention to the pressing need of the distribution of religious literature and asking that this be made a part of the work of Sabbath-school agents.

New Members: Dr. A. S. Johnston and Revs. E. F. Griffith and J. W. Hickman, received at recent special meetings, were present and received a warm welcome.

The new churches, Spring Mountain, Acipco, and Sipsey were reported.

Avondale was selected as the place for the next meeting.

The centennial of the American Bible Society was celebrated, at which time Dr. Johnston and Rev. J. A. Bryan made excellent addresses.

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EL PASO.

El Paso Presbytery met in the Westminster church El Paso, Tex., Tuesday, April 11, at 8 o'clock P. M. Present five ministers and eight ruling elders. At the request of the retiring Moderator, Ruling Elder T. H. Roe, Rev. Guy B. Duff preached the sermon from Luke 11:1.

Officers: Ruling Elder Geo. H. Sparenberg was chosen Moderator and Rev. John C. Ramsay, Temporary Clerk.

Received: Rev. H. O. Moore, PhD. was received from the Presbytery of Mangum and will supply the Midland group of churches.

Dismissed: Rev. A. A. Davis was dismissed to the Presbytery of El Paso, U. S. A.

Popular Meeting: A popular meeting was held Wednesday evening in the interest of Home Missions and a very interesting and instructive program was rendered.

All the different causes received careful attention, especially Ministerial Relief and the Orphan's Home.

Stewardship Conference: A Conference on Stewardship was authorized, same to be held at Big Spring sometime this fall.

Commissioners to General Assembly: Rev. Guy B. Duff and Ruling Elder H. L. Winchell were chosen as principals, and Rev. W. L. Downing and Ruling Elder Ralph Hall, alternates.

Next Meeting: Lovington, New Mexico was chosen as the place of meeting for the fall Presytery. Lovington is in the midst of our New Mexico mission field, seventy-five miles from the nearest railroad, and is served by our most faithful missionary, Rev. L. O. Cunningham.

Presbytery's report to the General Assembly is the best this year that we have had for several years.

El Paso was an ideal place to meet notwithstanding the much war talk. The members of Westminster church treated us royally.

Guy B. Duff, Stated Clerk.

TUSCALOOSA.

Tuscaloosa Presbytery was in session at York, Ala., April 11-13. There were present eighteen ministers and eighteen ruling elders.

Organization: Rev. Joseph Duglison, Moderator, Rev. Wm. R. Carothers, Stated Clerk pro tem., and Rev. H. C. Carmichael, Temporary Clerk.

Reception: Rev. W. D. Spurtin from the Presbytery of Meridian.

Dismissals: Rev. J. H. Davis to the Presbytery of Lexington, and Rev. J. E. James, D. D., to Central Texas.

Dissolutions: The pastoral relations

of Rev. W. H. Ziegler and Boligu church, of Rev. J. E. James, D. D., and Uniontown, and Rev. J. P. Stevenson and Centerville, were dissolved. Rev. F. E. Bagby resigned as pastor of Vinohilo and Mt. Pleasant and Stated Supply of Stanton, to take effect in sixty days.

Installations: A commission was appointed to install Rev. J. P. Stevenson pastor of Alabama Avenue church, Selma, on the second Sunday in May.

Divested of Office: By authority of the Book of Church Orders, chap. viii, sec. 10.—Rev. O. H. Matthews was divested without censure, of his office as a minister of the gospel and assigned to membership in Geneva church.

Memorials: A special service was held in which were read appropriate memorials of Rev. F. G. Ralley and Rev. J. W. Walden, D. D.

Commissioners to General Assembly: Principals, Rev. W. H. Ziegler, Livingston, and Rev. Joseph Duglison, Selma; with Ruling Elders W. J. Gilmer, Martin Junction, and W. R. Nelson, Selma. Alternates, Rev. C. M. Boyd, Tuscaloosa, and Rev. J. H. Oxford, Dimopolis, with Elders J. O. Garver, Griggs, and A. G. Boyd, Emille.

Doctrinal Sermons: Rev. Joseph Duglison preached the Presbyterian sermon on the subject of The Atonement. Rev. W. D. Spurtin was appointed to preach at next stated meeting upon "Sanctification."

Additions to Church Membership: The statistical reports shows a gain of nearly 200 in the membership of our churches during the ecclesiastical year.

Overture from Synod: The request of Synod that Presbytery impose an assessment of 10 cents per member upon our churches, in order to defray the expenses and thus secure a better attendance of representatives to the former body was declined.

An overture from the session of Selma First church was adopted: "1. To authorize and urgently request such ruling elders and deacons within our bounds as have the necessary gifts, to visit our vacant churches when requested so to do, and conduct religious services therein; and 2. In order that this may be done in a regular and efficient manner, to request our sessions to send to the chairman of the Presbytery; committee on Local Home Missions the names of such of their elders and deacons as may be available for this work. Provided, however, that this action shall not be so construed as to hinder the vacant churches from using all proper means to secure the services of pastors or stated supplies as soon as may be practicable."

The meeting was an unusually pleasant one, and the hospitality of the good people of York church and vicinity was thoroughly enjoyed.

Next Stated Meeting: Martin Junction, Ala., 7:30 P. M., October 10, 1916.

J. G. Praigg, S. C.

DALLAS.

The Presbytery of Dallas met in the Presbyterian church, Iowa Park, Texas, Tuesday, April 11th, at 8 P. M., and at the request of the moderator, Ruling Elder Thomas Shields, the opening sermon was preached by Rev. T. C. Vinson, Luebo, Congo Belge, Africa, from the text in 1 Cor. 16:8-9, after which the Presbytery was constituted by prayer.

Organization: Rev. T. Chalmers Vinson was elected moderator and Rev. Gary L. Smith was elected reading and reportorial clerk.

Present: There were sixteen ministers present and sixteen churches were represented.

Devotional Services: These were conducted by Rev. E. B. Fincher and Rev. Thomas D. Murphy.

Dismissed: 1. Rev. Fred L. McFadden to the Presbytery of Central Texas, he having accepted a call to the pastorate at Belton, Texas. 2. Candidate Hugh Fitzpatrick to East Hanover Presbytery. 3. Candidate Guy A. Lackey to the Presbytery of Durant.

Received: Rev. Thomas D. Murphy from the Presbytery of Ouachita. Mr. Murphy is stated supply of the Vernon and Quana churches, living at Vernon. An unique interruption in the Presbytery's business was when Rev. and Mrs. Murphy asked to have their baby baptized in the presence of the Presbytery, and this solemn service was performed by Rev. James L. Bowling, chairman of Home Missions, and Rev. T. C. Vinson, mode-