

Church News

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miles from the Tennessee lines. Day school being in session, one morning sermon was especially for the young people. The subject was "Lessons to Be Learned from the Captive Maid of Israel, Servant to Naaman's Wife." The weather was very inclement, so the congregations were not large, but those who braved the elements were well repaid by hearing such uplifting and Scriptural sermons. The morning hour was devoted to the strengthening and building up of Christian character. One talk lingers in my mind, in which Mr. Hunt defined the different kinds of love, so that it became clear to us how we could fulfil the lines of the old song, "It makes me love everybody," which he termed the well-wishing and well-doing love. A half hour of song service preceding the night meeting was much enjoyed. Often Mr. Hunt would give a message in song bearing on his text. So vividly did he portray Christ's suffering on the cross that the lessons and meaning of the three crosses made a lasting impression. Perhaps the most popular and best attended service was the one for men only Sunday afternoon. We trust that its influence will never be forgotten. A young girl who had been considering taking this step for over a year made a public confession of Christ and joined the Presbyterian church. A communion service was held, the first ever seen by a number in the congregation.

Miss Osma Newton.

ARKANSAS.

Stamps: On February 25, Rev. J. W. Cobb was installed pastor of this church and that of Lewisville by a committee of Ouachita Presbytery, consisting of Rev. LeRoy Thompson, Rev. Y. P. Scruggs and Elder S. R. Oglesby. Since coming to this field Rev. Mr. Cobb has received two members into the Lewisville church and five into the Stamps church.

FLORIDA.

Bartow: On the evening of March 7, Mr. Wyatt A. Taylor, of Columbia, S. C., field secretary All-South Christian Endeavor Extension Committee, held a rally for the young people and stirred up greater zeal for this important work. Friends in the congregation raised a purse and sent our minister, Rev. G. H. Turpin, to the Laymen's Missionary Convention in New Orleans. Y.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta: Rev. John Goff, evangelist of Atlanta Presbytery, assisted Rev. J. Edwin Hemphill in a week's revival services at the Pryor Street church, preaching only at night. There were eight additions to the church and a large number of both men and women who reconsecrated themselves to the service of the Master.

Rev. W. E. Hill has resigned as pastor of the West End church and will go to Fayetteville, N. C., to become pastor of the First Presbyterian church of that place.

Rev. Fritz Raucheberger has resigned as pastor of the College Park church, and will shortly move to Hartwell, Ga., where he will have charge of the Presbyterian church.

A large delegation from this city attended the Laymen's Convention at New Orleans.

Flemington Church: We closed a six-days' meeting March 5. Rev. G. L. Bitzer, of Valdosta, did the preaching, which was first class. Brother Bitzer is a first-class man in a meeting. The weather was unfavorable, still we had a good meeting. The whole church received a blessing, and six young

people from the Sunday-school united with the church on profession of faith.

A. E. Laird.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Theological Seminary: An announcement of more than usual interest in connection with the Seminary is the selection of the Rev. French W. Thompson, pastor of the Second church, New Albany, Ind., as financial secretary of the Seminary and his acceptance of the work. Mr. Thompson received, in part, his training for the ministry in this Seminary; was for eleven years pastor of the First church of Hot Springs, Ark.; was for some years associate pastor of the large First church of New Orleans; and for three years and more has been the popular pastor of the Second church of New Albany, Ind. Through the years of his ministry he has been always deeply interested in the educational work of the Church. He has marked gifts for the work upon which he is soon to enter—the prosecution of the financial campaign in which the Seminary has been engaged for the past two years. Mr. J. J. Cornelison, the successful financial secretary of the Seminary for more than a year, requested release from the work in order to accept a flattering business offer from Cleveland, Ohio. The catalogue of the Seminary for 1916-17 has just been issued. It shows sixty-five students in attendance. Five more have entered since the catalogue went to press, making seventy for the session. The students, as in former years, come from a wide territory—ten States, three foreign countries and twenty-three educational institutions being represented. A telegram was read at the Seminary on Thursday, the 15th, announcing that twenty-one of the alumni of the Seminary in attendance on the Laymen's Convention in New Orleans enjoyed a most delightful banquet at one of the New Orleans hotels the evening before and sent greetings to their alma mater. The March missionary day at the Seminary was observed on Thursday, March 15, Dr. E. L. Warren presiding, and speaking, partly from personal observation, of the outlook for mission work in Palestine. The subject of Zionism and its connection with the mission work was discussed by Mr. Paul S. VanDyke, of Missouri, and that of missions in Syria by Mr. Algernon Killough, of Tennessee. Rev. George P. Stevens, a graduate of the Seminary and for eight years past a missionary at Hsuechowfu, China, reached Louisville in time for the meeting and spoke most interestingly of the work in his field.

MISSOURI.

Presbytery of Upper Missouri will hold its regular one hundred and thirty-fourth stated meeting in the Northeast Presbyterian church, 117 North Denver Avenue, Kansas City, Mo., beginning Tuesday, April 17, 1917, at 8 o'clock P. M. Address communications to Rev. O. W. Buschgen, pastor, 105 Chelsea Avenue, Kansas City, Mo. Stated clerks will please forward their annual reports to me at 910 Harrison Street, Kansas City, Mo., not later than April 5.

Charles R. Nisbet,
Stated Clerk.

Kansas City: Simultaneous evangelistic services will be held in all the churches of Greater Kansas City, beginning about March 25 and culminating with Easter Sunday.

Northeast church has just concluded special services, in which the pastor, Rev. O. W. Buschgen, was assisted by Evangelist J. E. Abbott.

Eastminster and Central churches will begin evangelistic services March 25; Dr. W. P. Neilson at Eastminster being assisted by Rev. J. E. Abbott;

Dr. C. R. Nisbet at Central doing his own preaching.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Davidson: President Martin was in Gastonia last Sunday, where, by special invitation from the First church, he spoke on the history, work and future of the College. He was heard by appreciative listeners, as evidenced by a generous free-will contribution to the annual expense fund of Davidson.

Rev. Dr. Edward Mack, of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, filled Dr. Richards' pulpit on Sunday in the absence of the pastor. Both of his sermons were of a high order and were well received by large audiences.

Among campus additions and improvements there may be chronicled the securing by Dr. J. M. McConnell of the loan of two cannon to be placed at the foot of a flag-staff which it is proposed to erect on the campus this spring. These will be shipped from one of the navy yards soon. Further, a new grandstand for Sprunt Athletic Field is being constructed. Better still, a guard fence three feet high will be extended from a point back of the home-plate on the baseball diamond past first base that will protect the rights of all spectators against those who wish to rush on or too close to the field.

Mt. Holly: Rev. F. A. Drennan, Lowryville, S. C., has accepted calls of Mt. Holly and Stanley Creek churches and expects to enter the field April 1.

Montreat: Rev. E. L. Siler, of Montreat, N. C., has received a call to be co-pastor with Dr. H. G. Hill, of Maxton and Central churches, Maxton, N. C., and has the call under careful consideration; but has not yet announced his decision in the matter.

TENNESSEE.

Cleveland: The union meeting, in which the Methodist, Cumberland and Presbyterian churches are participating, has been in progress some ten days, with encouraging results. Census of the town was taken beforehand and a good deal of planning had been done. Besides in the church, meetings are being held in business houses, shops, mills and factories, half dozen or more cottage prayer meetings daily, and an occasional meeting in the open in front of Court House. Last Friday evening was made interesting by membership of each church coming in a body, and, when called on, responded by reciting some passage of Scripture or by the singing of a song. Tuesday evening the young people of the various churches, representing their societies, came in separate bodies and made similar responses. These bodies form at various churches, line up on street in separate bands, march to the church, and sit in groups according to churches. This has done much towards attracting the people all over the town. The meetings will continue some three weeks yet. The pastors are doing the preaching. Brethren, do not forget to pray for us, for we are having a hard fight, but with God's help we mean to win.

J. T. Wade.

TEXAS.

Graham: The church of which Rev. Gary L. Smith is pastor has recently installed a new Pilcher pipe organ. This adds greatly to the pleasure and benefit of the services.

Austin College: Dr. Clyde has been very fortunate in securing two of the greatest orators in the pulpit of the Church for the commencement exercises of Austin College. Rev. James I. Vance, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Nashville, Tenn., will deliver the baccalaureate sermon on Sunday, June 3. His brother, Rev. Joseph A. Vance, D. D.,

pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Detroit, Mich., will deliver the address to the College Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening, June 3.

Austin, Grand Avenue: Rev. T. W. Currie, professor of Church History in the Austin Theological Seminary, preached at the morning service here on "The Call to the Christian Ministry." Mr. Currie was here to present the course of the Seminary to the young men of Austin College who are candidates for the ministry or who are pondering the call to service. Rev. W. M. Walsh announces that he has secured Mr. W. G. Mason for a two-weeks' meeting, beginning March 20. Mr. Mason, who is over six feet six inches in height and weighs nearly 300 pounds, is commonly known as "Big Mason, and is spoken of as "every inch a man." Mr. Mason has rendered great service to the International Committee of the Y. M. C. A. in work among the railroad men, in the rural districts and among the soldiers on the border. Prof. C. C. Scott, Mr. J. B. Thomas and Rev. W. M. Walsh, of this church, attended a conference on the question of "Christian Stewardship" held in Dallas February 13.

Hillsboro: When the pastor and his wife reached home after prayer meeting, February 28, they found a handsome donation of well assorted supplies placed in the house during their absence. The people in considerable numbers soon joined them, and as best they could the recipients thanked the kind donors for their generosity. Such evidences of love and esteem bind hearts more closely together and to the Lord's work. It is a keen grief to this congregation that U. S. A. congregation of this place have bought a lot just across the street from our building and announce they will erect a \$30,000 edifice. When the matter was first spoken of our pastor went quietly to several of the leading members of that congregation and earnestly remonstrated, urging that such close proximity would interfere with each other's services, particularly if there were lawn services in the summer months, as has been the custom of both churches heretofore. Further, that it would look unseemly and tend to revive the strife engendered some years ago. The remonstrance was courteously received, but seems to have availed nothing, as the proposed purchase of the lot was afterward consummated. Such difficult and delicate local situations occasionally spring out of the conditions here in the Southwest made possible by the entrance of another branch of the same Church into territory already in a measure occupied.

Texarkana, First: The church and friends of the pastor, Dr. W. I. Carroll, are very happy and thankful over the successful result of an operation for appendicitis. Dr. Carroll was taken sick very suddenly March 6 with acute appendicitis and was operated on that night.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Presbytery of Greenbrier met in special session on March 15 in Alderson, W. Va. The request of Rev. G. N. Thomas for the dissolution of the pastoral relation with the Beckley church and a letter of dismissal was considered and acted upon. The request was granted, his resignation accepted, the pastoral relation dissolved, and a letter of dismissal to Fort Worth Presbytery, U. S. A., in Texas, was granted. The removal of Mr. Thomas from Greenbrier Presbytery and the Beckley church is greatly regretted, but he goes with the prayers of the brethren for his continued happiness and success in his new field of labor.

J. M. Sloan, S. C.

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