

Church News

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Wright, the Indian evangelist, is holding a meeting in this church.

Ephesus: This church is having a most satisfactory revival of the study of the Shorter Catechism. Nearly all of the members who have not already done so are memorizing it. A number of young people who are not members are joining in the study. Candidate W. B. Clemmons was ordained and installed as elder in this church on March 11. His relation is unique in that he is supplying the church under the direction of the Home Mission Committee.

KENTUCKY.

Louisville, Theological Seminary: Announcement has just been made that the baccalaureate sermon of 1917 will be preached by the Rev. C. W. Grafton, D. D., of Union Church, Miss., and moderator of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church, U. S., in session at Orlando, Fla., in May, 1916. Dr. Grafton has remained at the same country church ever since his graduation at the Theological Seminary, though calls to larger fields and to professorships in colleges, universities and theological seminaries have come with the more than forty-three years. His son, the Rev. Thomas B. Grafton, a graduate of this Seminary, is now a missionary at Hsuehou-Fu, China.

The Seminary community and churches of the city have shared the sorrow of a multitude of Christians throughout the South over the death of the Rev. Gaston Reedy Buford, who was killed in Atlanta a few weeks ago, when he rushed into a home to defend helpless women against the attacks of a drink-crazed man. Mr. Buford graduated at this Seminary in the class of 1910. All through his course he was the ready helper of the friendless, and on going to Atlanta continued this needed work. His classmates are now engaged in establishing an appropriate memorial of him at the Seminary.

President Charles R. Hemphill will preach the baccalaureate sermon before the students of the Presbyterian College of Alabama, Anniston, on May 27th. On the same day Dr. J. Gray McAllister, of the Seminary faculty, will preach the baccalaureate at the State Normal School, Florence, Ala. Through August he is to supply the Loudoun Street Presbyterian church at Winchester, Va. Dr. Henry E. Dosker, professor of Church History, has engagements in Grand Rapids, Mich., Grove City and Pittsburg, Pa., for a course of lectures on the Reformation. Dr. Webb, professor of Systematic Theology, is to deliver courses of lectures in Waco, Texas, in May, at Jackson, Miss., in June, and at Lewisburg, W. Va., in July. Others of the faculty have plans almost ready to announce.

LOUISIANA.

Presbytery of Red River: The spring meeting will convene in the Belcher church, Tuesday, April 17, 1917, at 7:30 P. M. Blank forms for sessional reports have been mailed out to pastors, where there are such, and to some member of the session of all vacant churches. Should these blanks fail to reach the session of any church, a duplicate set may be had upon application to the undersigned at Minden, La. Presbyterial tax is also due at this meeting and should be paid to Mr. Henry Rose, treasurer, Shreveport, La.

H. M. McLain, S. C.

Minden: The Official Board of this church has been considerably strengthened by the recent election,

ordination and installation of Mr. J. H. Nelson and Mr. D. K. Brown as elders, and Mr. J. H. Garrison and Mr. Joseph R. Crumpton as deacons. The past year has been one of unusual activity in all departments of the church's work and it is with a sense of gratitude to God that we approach the task of gathering up the facts to be summarized in our report to Presbytery.

H. M. M.

Oxford: First church at a congregational meeting held some days ago elected four new deacons. On last Sunday, before a large audience, these gentlemen—Drs. Henry M. Faser and W. W. Phillips, and Messrs. D. Wiley and D. G. Neilson—were ordained and installed to their office. This gives the church a Board of Deacons with ten members, all of whom are strong and active followers of the Master. At the Laymen's Convention in New Orleans our church was represented by Mr. Will Lewis and the pastor. A most interesting and helpful Sabbath-school conference was held in Oxford on Friday and Saturday, March 16 and 17. Rev. H. H. Hudson, of Charlottesville, Va., was present and gave two addresses, and on Saturday morning conducted an open meeting, at which some of the problems of the Sabbath-school were discussed. Dr. Joseph Rennie, of Greenwood, also spoke twice, Friday night upon the topic, "The Sabbath-School and the Home," and Saturday morning upon the subject, "The Sabbath-School and they Day School." Other speakers were Rev. C. Z. Berryhill, of Holly Springs, Miss., Prof. A. W. Milden, of the University of Mississippi, and Prof. J. N. Swan, of the University of Mississippi. These gentlemen spoke on the following subjects: "The Minister and the Sabbath-School," "The Trained Teacher," and "The Organized Class." We believe that much good was accomplished by the conference, and hope that one of the first results will be the reaching of the standard of efficiency as set by the General Assembly. Rev. Mr. Hudson remained over Sunday in Oxford and preached most acceptably to our people.

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MISSISSIPPI.

Tylertown: By special request, Rev. B. C. Bell, of McComb, preached here on the 16th of March and held a congregational meeting, in which one elder and one deacon were elected. Mr. D. H. McCullom was elected elder and Mr. S. J. Copeland deacon. Both accepted the office and were ordained and installed at the same service. This will give the church a working force and organization which it has looked forward to for some time, and the prospect for the church is much brighter. This church is anxiously waiting for a pastor to lead them in the work and expects to have one in May.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Asheville Presbytery is hereby duly called to convene in the First church, Asheville, N. C., on Tuesday, April 3, 1917, at 2:30 P. M., to consider and conclude the following business if the way be clear:

1. To consider the resignation of Rev. E. L. Siler, of the pastorates of Montreat and Black Mountain churches, dissolve the pastoral relation existing between them, and dismiss Brother Siler to the Presbytery of Fayetteville.
 2. To receive Rev. A. S. Caldwell from the Presbytery of Orange and take order for his installation as pastor of Ora Street church.
 3. To transact any other business pertaining to either of these matters.
- R. C. Anderson, Moderator.
- Davidson:** Following the custom for the past several years, different

members of the Volunteer Band of the College are now visiting churches in this section of the State in the interest of missions. The schedule calls for visits to nine or more churches. A special feature of the services in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening was the reading the book of Job by Professor Fulbright, lecturer here during the current month on expression.

Mt. Holly: Rev. F. A. Drennan, of Lowryville, S. C., has accepted a unanimous call from the Ht. Holly and Stanley Creek group of churches and expects to enter upon his new field of labor April 1, 1917.

Maxton and Centre: Rev. E. L. Siler has decided to accept the calls extended him by these churches to be co-pastor with Dr. H. G. Hill, and Asheville Presbytery has been called to meet April 3 to consider his resignation of the pastorates of Montreat and Black Mountain churches and his request for dismissal to the Presbytery of Fayetteville. Subject to the action of his Presbytery, he expects to take up his new work about May 1.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Clinton, Thornwell Orphanage: The commencement of the Thornwell Orphanage will take place on June 10 to 12. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached on June 10 before the graduating class of the Thornwell College for Orphans by Rev. T. Ellison Simpson, pastor of the church at Hendersonville, N. C. Rev. Dent W. Brannen, D. D., pastor of the Presbyterian church at Milledgeville, Ga., will deliver the commencement address on Tuesday night. Both of these able ministers of our Church were formerly pupils of the Thornwell Orphanage. Our whole community will hear them gladly. The Thornwell Memorial church will report 350 members to Presbytery, about sixty of whom are non-resident. This church, although mainly composed of orphans, is a thoroughly wide-awake and active body. Its Sunday-school is a model, so is its prayer meeting. Attendance on both usually passes 300. On the first Sabbath of this month there were five additions to the church. Fifty-five members have been added during the ecclesiastical year and forty dismissed to other Presbyterian churches. We suppose it must be the war scare or the threatened strike of railroad men or the higher cost of provisions that affects everybody, but, whether from one or the other, the income of the institution has been greatly reduced. Special and liberal help is needed at this time.

Georgetown: This church, which has been struggling under the burden of a heavy debt for the past several years, is greatly rejoiced at the thought of soon being free from debt. The money to liquidate the debt has all been promised and the greater part of it collected. It is expected that the remainder will be sent in within a short time and then the church will be dedicated. Three new deacons have recently been elected, ordained and installed. An active benevolence committee is co-operating with the pastor in preparing for the every-member canvass which will be made on March 25. There have been a number of accessions to the church recently and every department shows signs of renewed activity.

Columbia Seminary: The following were the appointments for the Seminary faculty last Sunday: President T. Whaling, Florence; Dr. J. O. Reavis, Chester; Dr. R. C. Reed, Wedgefield; E. D. Kerr, Newberry. A banquet was given at the First Presbyterian church chapel by the Endeavorers in honor of the students' last week.

TENNESSEE.

Columbia Presbytery meets Tuesday, April 10, 7:30 P. M., with the Zion church. Conveyances for presbytery will meet the train from Columbia at Ashwood, Tuesday, 6:30 P. M. Any who intend to come later, please notify Rev. Clyde Johnson, R. 1, Columbia, Tenn.

TEXAS.

Ennis: This church, Rev. Herbert Springall, pastor, is just closing a most prosperous year. Sixty new members have been received, forty-two of them on profession of faith. A very successful evangelistic campaign was conducted in January and February by Mr. Ham. Ramsey and added about thirty to our membership. Our present enrollment is 340. At a recent congregational meeting plans were approved for the expenditure of \$10,000 to remodel and bring up-to-date our church building. The work will be undertaken promptly.

Itasca: One member was received Sunday on confession.

S. A. McElroy.

Waskom and Elysian Fields: Rev. W. C. Hagan has been installed as pastor of these two churches. He will give one-half of his time to each field.

Dallas Presbytery will meet in the First church in Ennis, Texas, 8 P. M., April 10th. All who desire to be entertained by the Ennis people are asked to inform Mr. J. L. Clarke as early as possible.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Charleston: Bream Memorial church, of which Rev. Samuel Glasgow has recently become pastor, held a two-weeks' series of special meetings under the leadership of Rev. Flournoy Shepperson, of Monticello, Ark. One hundred joined in making a covenant for Christian service—i. e., seeking to be right themselves and lead others to Christ. Twenty-five signed a covenant to establish the family altar. Five rededicated themselves. Twenty-two made profession of their faith. In many ways it is considered one of the best meetings ever held in the church. The Brotherhood of this church, composed of nearly one hundred members, mostly active business men, has lately organized a gospel team. Their first service was held at Dana, at which forty of the Brotherhood were present. This trip was made in automobiles. Several five-minute talks were given by members of the gospel team, which resulted in six responding to the invitation. The second meeting was held at Malden and much interest was manifested throughout the entire service. Special music is prepared for these services under the leadership of J. W. Henderson, musical director of Bream church.

J. W. Henderson.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. W. F. Harris from Bay Binette, Ala., to Milton, Fla.

PERSONAL.

Rev. Hugh W. White and family will sail April 12 from Vancouver, B. C., on the Empress of Russia. Mail addressed in care of the steamer and arriving in Vancouver before April 12 will be delivered at the steamer. After that date their address will be Yencheng, Kiangsu Province, China.

Mrs. T. L. Harnsberger: God in His all-wise but mysterious providence has seen fit to take to Himself dear Mrs. Harnsberger after a short four years of service in Taichow, where she gave herself so whole-heartedly and unreservedly for and to the Chinese women. It has never been the writer's privilege to see and know a more

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