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## Church News

### BENEVOLENT CAUSES.

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**Foreign Missions:** Mr. Edwin F. Willis, 154 Fifth Avenue, North Nashville, Tenn.

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### VIRGINIA.

**Richmond:** Fulton church entered heartily into the simultaneous evangelistic meetings of Richmond. Rev. Martin A. Hopkins, of St. Joseph, Mo., was secured as evangelist. He proved to be an enthusiastic speaker and preached with great power. The congregations were good, and many of the members and officers did effective personal work. This church was organized November 5, 1916, with fifty-seven members on roll. During these recent evangelistic meetings thirty professions of faith were made; about twenty of these joined this church April 1, 1917. From present indications we think we will have at least 50 per cent increase in membership from these meetings.

**—First Church.**—On last Sunday at this church, of which Rev. Dr. F. T. McFaden is pastor, eight new members were received on profession of faith and nineteen by letter.

**—Second Church.**—The quarterly Communion was observed in this church on last Sabbath. The pastor, Dr. Cecil, preached from Luke 24:21: "We trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel." He showed that the cherished hope of these disciples, though apparently disappointed, was gloriously realized—not in their way, but in God's way—

through the sacrifice of the Redeemer; said sacrifices being commemorated in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Nineteen new members were welcomed into the fellowship of the church, ten by certificate, and fourteen upon confession of faith, nearly all of whom came from the Sabbath-school.

**—Westminster Church,** of which Rev. Dr. J. Y. Fair is pastor, received last Sunday eighteen on profession of faith and ten by letter. At the night service Rev. Dr. Edward Mack, of Union Seminary, gave a lecture on the origin and history of the English Bible, illustrated by stereopticon views, which was very much enjoyed by a large congregation.

**Grace-Covenant Church:** Sabbath, April 8, was the quarterly communion season at this church. A congregation that taxed the seating capacity of the church to its fullest, save the gallery, was present. And a more deeply interested congregation was rarely ever in the church. Intense interest had been developed throughout the church by the evangelistic services held by Dr. Flinn, of Atlanta, February 1 to 14. The whole church felt the power of this preaching and gave itself to much prayer and personal work. At the communion the names of nineteen persons were announced as received on profession of faith and ten by letter, with five more last Sabbath. All hearts are full of gratitude and thanksgiving to God.

### The Pastor.

**East Hanover Presbytery** will meet at Amelia on Monday, the 23d. As the moderator, Rev. A. P. Hassell, is engaged in work for the Foreign Mission Committee, he cannot be present at this meeting. Rev. J. Calvin Stewart, D. D., pastor of the Grace-Covenant church, Richmond, has been asked to preach the opening sermon.

**Newport News, First:** March 31 closed one of the most successful years in the history of the church, as many having been added on profession as on certificate and profession the year before. The every-member canvass report was most encouraging, a great many having increased their weekly subscriptions to the church for the year 1917-18. Dr. E. T. Wellford, the pastor, who feels the need as never before of Christians being loyal to their Lord and kingdom, has delivered recently some of the most eloquent sermons ever heard in this city. "Christian Patriotism," the subject the first Sunday of the new church year, was indeed inspiring and was felt as a message direct from God.

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**Lexington:** Sunday morning, April 8, the session met after church and received on profession of faith a married woman from one of our branch Sunday-schools. She is to be received and baptized hereafter. The deacons' quarterly report was in the pews that morning, showing a total collection for "benevolent funds" of \$2,155. The Woman's Home and Foreign Missionary Society contributed \$685 of this amount—\$119 for Home Missions, \$153 for Foreign Missions, plus \$443 as the self-denial offering. The Young Woman's Missionary Society gave \$366, of which \$340 went to our treasurer, Mr. Willis. For the fiscal year just ended this church gave \$2,827 to Foreign Missions. Its total for its own expenses was \$5,222; and for all outside causes, \$5,898—a total for all purposes of \$11,120. A. H.

**Danville, First:** At the morning services last Sunday the annual report of the session to Presbytery was read to the congregation, and showed contributions to the various causes as follows: Foreign Missions, \$2,383; Home Missions and other benevolent causes, \$6,201; current expenses, \$5,568; making a total for all causes

of \$14,607. The total enrollment of the Sunday-school is 514. There was a net gain of twenty-three new church members within the year. The young people's societies have been very active, and have recently given some especially interesting entertainments. The Brotherhood has a membership of eighty, and these men are closely identified with all the activities of the church. At the annual meeting in March a bountiful supper was served by the ladies and a delightful evening of fellowship was spent together. The recently elected elders and deacons were ordained and installed the last Sunday in March.

### J. W. C.

**Chatham:** This church observed the communion last Sunday, when it was announced that five members had been received by letter, and a few Sundays before two other members were received by letter. Rev. J. Ernest Thacker, D. D., will hold a meeting with this church, beginning on 10th of June.

**Cape Charles:** At the conclusion of the service on Easter Sunday the following were ordained and installed as elders in this church: L. E. Mumford, J. H. Stevens, B. N. McCully, E. C. Young and J. G. Waddell. Additional deacons will be elected immediately. Our church year closed with the largest membership and the largest per capita gifts to all causes in its history. J. S. M.

**Warm Springs:** That was a fine expression of appreciation of their pastor, Rev. C. W. Reed, when on last Sabbath, April 1, the congregation at the close of service asked the pastor to retire, and by unanimous vote added \$100 to his salary. With the tremendous increase in living expenses such expressions of loyalty and appreciation from a congregation are to be highly commended.

**Union, (Churchville):** This church has been undergoing extensive improvements at cost of over \$1,000 during the winter and was reopened on last Sabbath, to the delight of the congregation. The pastor, Rev. William C. White, has been preaching at the morning service at Loch Willow for several months while the church was closed. The services are held alternatively in these churches, morning and afternoon, during the winter. We are looking forward with delight to having with us again this summer, for the third summer, Rev. W. Emmet Davis, of South Carolina, as the assistant. Mr. Davis has been attending Columbia Seminary and has one more year there. He is very popular with these churches.

**Waddell Memorial:** During the past year this church, with an enrollment of sixty-two resident members, gave for pastor's salary and expenses \$710 and for the benevolent work of the Church \$871. Of this amount, \$358 was for Foreign Missions, so the church is now on the honor roll, having given \$5.77 per member to this cause. The Sunday-school, with an enrollment of ninety-two, gave \$157 to the benevolences, \$65 of which was to Foreign Missions. This is a country church and the above exhibit shows that they are not all dead.

**Keyville:** Rev. B. F. Bedinger concluded a series of meetings at Keyville Presbyterian church Sunday night last. His sermons were replete with force and power. The meeting increased in interest and attendance each night until the close. Eleven pupils of the junior class in Crab Orchard mission Sunday-school have perfectly recited the Child's Catechism to the teacher, Miss Susan Riddell, at one sitting, and received the Testaments from the Presbyterian Committee of Publication, Richmond, Va. There are many others to follow this excellent example.

**Norton:** The past year has been the best year in the history of the church in both a spiritual and financial way. At a recent communion service there were twenty-four to join the church on confession of faith. At a congregational meeting there was an election of an elder and four deacons. Mr. A. P. Miller was elected the elder and John Roberts, F. B. Kline, Rudolph Swank and J. G. Wood were elected deacons. These men are strong Christian men and will do a great work for the church. They will be ordained next Sunday by the pastor, Dr. S. D. Bartle.

### ALABAMA.

**Synod of Alabama:** The constitutional requirements having been complied with, I hereby call the Synod of Alabama to meet in special session in the First Presbyterian church of Birmingham, April 24, at 12 o'clock, for the following purposes:

1. To hear a report from the Executive Committee of Education.
2. To take any action therewith that may be necessary.
3. To consider the educational interests of the Synod and to take any action therewith that may be necessary. Charles S. McDowell, Jr., Moderator.

### APPALACHIA.

**Black Mountain Church** adopted the following resolutions:

"In light of the fact that our beloved pastor, Rev. E. L. Siler, desires to accept a call to another field of labor and believes that it is the Divine will that he should do so; be it

"Resolved, 1. That at his urgent request we, the Black Mountain church, unite with him in asking the Presbytery of Asheville to dissolve the existing pastoral relation.

"2. That it is with sorrow that we take this action and to know that we are to lose the services of Mr. Siler.

"3. We would hereby express to Mr. and Mrs. Siler our sincere affection for them and full confidence in them and our high appreciation of the excellent service they have rendered and the great work they have done in the church and community since they have been with us.

"4. We would bear witness to Mr. Siler as a strong, faithful and efficient minister of the word of God and as a tender, patient and devoted pastor. We would also express to Mrs. Siler our high appreciation of the faithful and efficient services which she has rendered to the church.

"5. That a copy of these resolutions be placed in the minutes of this meeting, be sent to the church papers, and be presented to Asheville Presbytery in its called meeting April 3, 1917.

"6. That Major J. P. Wilson, W. H. McMurray and E. E. White be appointed as a committee to represent the Black Mountain church before Asheville Presbytery in all matters relative to the dissolution of the existing pastoral relation.

"7. That we assure Mr. and Mrs. Siler of our prayers and all good will and wishes in their new field of labor."

**Knoxville Presbytery** adopted the following resolutions at a recent meeting:

"1. Whereas, the Presbytery of Knoxville has just released Rev. LeRoy G. Henderson, D. D., at his request, with the consent of his congregation, from the pastorate of the Fifth Avenue church; therefore, be it

"Resolved by Presbytery, That while we are sure we are guided by the Hand of Providence in our action, yet individually our hearts are deeply pained at even the temporary breaking of the ties which have bound us so long and so lovingly to Dr. Henderson as a man and as a fellow-

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