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Church News

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VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Union Seminary: The commencement exercises begin Sunday morning, May 6, with the baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. Layton Mauze, D. D., of St. Louis, Mo. The annual address to the Society of Missionary Inquiry will be delivered at 8 P. M. the same day by Rev. Egbert W. Smith, D. D., secretary of Foreign Missions, Nashville, Tenn. On Monday night the farewell reception to the senior class will be given in Richmond Hall. The Board of Trustees will meet Tuesday, May 8, at 10 A. M. On Tuesday night Rev. Edward Mack, D. D., will be formally inaugurated as McCormick professor of Hebrew and the interpretation of the Old Testament. The charge to the professor-elect will be given by Rev. F. T. McFaden, D. D., of Richmond, and Dr. Mack will deliver an inaugural address. At the graduation exercises on Wednesday, May 9, the address to the graduates will be made by Rev. F. H. Barron, D. D., of Elkins, W. Va.; the address on behalf of the Presbyterian Committee of Publication by Rev. James P. Smith, D. D., and the diplomas will be presented to the graduates by Mr. George W. Watts, of Durham, N. C., president of the Board of Trustees. The closing

feature of the occasion, and one of the most interesting, will be the alumni reunion and banquet in Richmond Hall at 1 P. M., Wednesday, when representatives from the various classes that have gone out from the Seminary at intervals of ten years from 1857 to 1917 will gather for their class reunions and for happy fellowship with the professors and students and other alumni.

The Student Volunteer Union held the April monthly meeting at Richmond College, with more than thirty-five present. Mr. E. S. Curry, of Union Theological Seminary, conducted the devotional exercises. The retiring president, Mr. Hugh Robertson, made a speech of farewell to our graduating members. In concluding he offered some excellent suggestions in regard to the work for next year, putting the emphasis especially upon mission study. This was followed by a talk by Mr. Trigg, of Virginia Medical College, on the difficulties of a medical student who volunteers. Prayer was offered for the 444 volunteers who went out in 1916, for the volunteers still at home, and for more volunteers. The meeting was a real inspiration to all present.

Porter Street.—The pastor of this church, after three years' service here, has received a call to Abingdon, Va. He expects to go to his new field in a few days. His church gives him up with great regret, as he has been a faithful, efficient and hard working pastor, and a good preacher of the gospel.

Roanoke Presbytery: Rev. B. F. Bedinger was re-elected evangelist of Roanoke Presbytery at its late meeting, with a substantial increase of salary. His report for the past year showed 29 places visited, 16 protracted meetings held, 97 professions of faith, 18 additions by letter (mostly from other denominations), and \$533.58 raised for the work of the Presbytery. In addition to the above, 14 persons united with one of the churches two weeks after a meeting—the direct result of it, as reported by the pastor—and salaries for pastors raised amounting to over \$1,200.

Petersburg, Third Church: The last Sunday in March closed what can be termed the most successful and prosperous year of this church. Four years ago this church was organized with only twenty-two members, and altogether dependent upon other resources than its own for its financial support. In two years the little church, piloted by its pastor, Rev. J. W. Hassell, grew to approximately one hundred members. This, indeed, was very encouraging to the few who had caused its organization. It filled them with enthusiasm and a greater zeal to do greater work for the Master during the next year. Mr. Hassell left the church at this stage of its history for Japan, and Rev. Michaux Raine, of Danville, was called as pastor. Mr. Raine struck the keynote of the work in the West End to begin with, and by his personal touch and acquaintance with all whom he came in contact, he has created for himself great love and respect by all who know him, both of his congregation and of the people of the West End generally. On April 1, 1916, the enrollment of the church was 145. The enrollment on April 1, 1917, is 205, showing an increase of sixty for the year. Of this number, forty-four were admitted upon examination and sixteen by certificate. The Sunday-schools have also increased immensely. There are enrolled in both the morning and afternoon schools 422. Of this number, the morning school has 267 and the afternoon school 155. The Christian Endeavor Society has also grown from

20 to 132, or over 500 per cent of increase. All the other societies and activities of the church can report similar results. The financial report of the church also shows a great increase over the previous year. During the year the church gave for all causes approximately \$3,000. The congregation and the pastor feel very enthusiastic over the work in this part of the city. Every member with his heart full of a co-operative spirit and following the high standard of service which the pastor has set will start out to make this year's report even greater than the last. We predict the salvation of many souls in the West End during 1917.

Floyd E. Fowlkes.

Cooke's Creek: Very interesting and gratifying was the sessional report of our church for the year ending March 31, 1916. We exceeded all apportionments asked for by Presbytery. A Men's Bible Class and Presbyterian Brotherhood has been organized, with Mr. Kewley Heltzel as president. The spirit of love, good will, helpfulness and service of this congregation was shown on the afternoon of April 6, when mysteriously one after another of the members began to arrive at the manse till large in number was the happy company who gathered together. It soon proved to be a linen and friendship shower. Many and handsome were the pieces of linen, elaborate with handwork. Clothing, groceries and fruit added to this, overwhelmed us with delight and gratitude. The pastor and family take this opportunity of again thanking all for their gifts, that are held most dear.

S. B. Hannah.

ARKANSAS.

De Queen.—This church contributed to benevolent causes the past year a total of \$1,132.00, and for current expenses, including pastor's salary, \$1,647, making a total to all causes \$2,779. A revival meeting was held during the year in which the pastor was assisted by Rev. J. P. Robertson, D. D. His sermons were scholarly, logical and scriptural and delivered with great earnestness and were blessed by the Holy Spirit to the salvation of sinners and the upbuilding of saints. J. I. P.

FLORIDA.

Key West: Rev. S. W. Rogers, the pastor, made a short address at the great religious gathering in the San Carlos Opera House, where pastors and representatives of the Catholic, Episcopal, Congregational, Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian churches assisted in the exercises preliminary to the departure of the naval militia. Their chaplain, the Baptist pastor here, departed with our Key West boys. In a short time, Rev. James F. Winnard, superintendent of Home Missions in the St. John's Presbytery, will hold a few days' meeting, and we trust that much good will be accomplished.

GEORGIA.

Atlanta, Westminster: This church makes this very creditable showing for the year: Additions, 53; Sunday-school enrollment, 696; baptisms—infant 17, adult 5. Funds contributed: For missions, \$634; Assembly's Home Missions, \$603; Synod's Home Missions, \$55; Presbyterial Home Missions, \$148; congregational Home Missions, \$597; Christian Education and Ministerial Relief, \$429; Sunday-School Extension and Publication, \$64; schools and colleges, \$1,068; Bible cause, \$16; orphans' homes, \$177; miscellaneous benevolence, \$411; contributions not benevolent, \$527; congregational expenses, \$2,777; pastor's salary, \$2,700; a total

of \$10,202, which is an average of \$23 per member. A very fine union meeting has been held in this neighborhood, with Dr. Curtis Lee Laws, of New York, preaching. In mid-summer union services are held on the lawn of the church and are very largely attended. A. A. L.

Dalton: This church has just celebrated the tenth anniversary of the pastorate of Rev. Dr. T. K. Sims. Looking back over a decade of our church's work and noting the efforts that have been put forth and the things accomplished, we make mention of them in gratitude to God, without whom we can do nothing, and under whose guidance and blessing we hope for larger things in the future. Under the ministry of our pastor more than 2,000 sermons and addresses have been delivered, 68 baptisms administered, 42 marriages performed, 90 funerals conducted, and 176 have been received into the church. Our records show that we have raised and expended more than \$45,250 in this period. The very flourishing mission work at Dug Gap began in these years and has borne fruit from the devoted labors of workers there and in our own church. Increased interest and efficiency mark this mile-stone in the history of the Sabbath-school and women's societies of the church. The spiritual life of the church has kept pace with our material advancement, and we bear record of a larger interest in the kingdom and a more devoted loyalty to the Master. We may not be large, but we wish to be efficient; we claim not to be strong, but we desire to be faithful. We determine that what has been done shall be but the earnest of better things that shall be done, as we inscribe our "Ebenezer" on this the tenth mile-stone of the present pastorate.

MISSISSIPPI.

Holly Springs: The twenty-sixth commencement exercises of the Mississippi Synodical College will take place May 17 to 22. The commencement sermon will be preached by Rev. W. K. Johnston, of Marianna, Ark., on Sunday morning, May 20. The address before the Y. W. C. A. will be preached on Sunday evening by Rev. H. M. Jenkins, Meridian, Miss. The address before the graduating class will be delivered by Hon. Oscar G. Johnson, of Clarksdale, Miss., on Tuesday morning, May 22. Other exercises will consist of the art reception, musical and expression recitals, and class exercises. The Board of Trustees will hold its annual session beginning Friday morning, May 18, at 10 o'clock.

MISSOURI.

Kansas City Central Church: Rev. C. R. Nisbet, D. D., pastor. At our regular spring communion held April 15th, 20 persons were received into membership, 9 on profession of their faith and 11 by certificate.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Plumtree: This church recently closed a good year. Reports to Holston Presbytery show seven additions—four by letter and three by examination. The year's contributions include \$28 for Foreign Missions, \$22 for Home Missions, \$44 for the Grandfather Orphans' Home, and about \$15 for other benevolences. The entire debt on the new church building has also been wiped out. Rev. V. H. Starbuck, who has supplied this and neighboring churches for nearly three years, has accepted a call to the pastorate of the Marshall and Delaplane churches, in Potomac Presbytery, and expects to enter on his new work about May 1.

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