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**Church News****VIRGINIA.**

**Richmond:** Seventeenth Street Mission is encouraged by the fact that many volunteers have come forward to fill the places left vacant by the large number of teachers from the Union Theological Seminary and the Assembly's Training School for Lay Workers. Necessarily, from the change in teachers, we are suffering a slight reaction, but we are sure that the work will soon progress as usual. The work has been divided into four departments: Sunday-school, Preaching, Junior Christian Endeavor Society and Playground Work. Mr. Boyd will superintend the playground and have charge of the preaching services, and Mr. Wayland will devote his time to the Sunday-school and the Junior Christian Endeavor Society. The playground is an innovation at Seventeenth Street, and although the ground has just been broken, much interest is manifest over it, and we are confident that it will add greatly to the efficiency of the work and to the enjoyment of the children.

—**First Church.** Last Sunday was commencement day for the Sunday-school at this church. Classes were promoted from one department to another, and exhibitions of the work of the school were given. Bibles and Testaments were given for recitation of the catechisms and for attendance. As the result of work previously done \$105 was reported as having been collected for membership dues in the American Red Cross Association. The school also reported having secured shares number one and two in Congo Mission. The work of school is very well done and its general condition is excellent.

—**Westminster Church:** Dr. J. Y. Fair, the pastor, preached last Sunday in Salisbury, N. C. In his absence Rev. Geo. W. Crabtree, the General Assembly's prison evangelist, preached for him in the morning, and at night the pulpit was occupied by Mr. J. E. Wayland, who has charge of the colored mission work of the city for the summer.

—**Porter Street Church:** Rev. Charles Friend, of Hampton, preached at this church last Sunday both morning and night.

**East Hanover Presbytery,** at an adjourned meeting last week licensed Mr. J. E. Wayland, a student of Union Seminary, who is to have charge of the Seventeenth Street Colored Mission

work in Richmond for the summer. At his request Mr. Richard Harrison, the only elder of the Granite church, was dismissed to unite with the Third church, Richmond, and Rev. Wm. S. Campbell, who is to supply that church, was given evangelistic authority in that church until one or more elders shall be elected. The pastoral relation between Montrose church and Rev. George W. Diehl was dissolved in order that he may engage in Christian educational work.

**Farmville:** Rev. J. C. Painter has been supplying the pulpit of the Farmville Presbyterian church for the past six months, and closed his labors with us on the last Sunday in May. His sermons have been scholarly and scriptural, and the people have heard him gladly. If his physical strength was equal to the work we would have him as permanent pastor. In and out of the pulpit his presence with us has been a benediction.

Mrs. Painter has been with him and has greatly enjoyed meeting with old friends, for here she spent happy girlhood days, and here she was married. God be with them till we meet again.  
R. B. Berkeley.

**Lebanon Church:** At the last meeting of Lexington Presbytery a committee consisting of Rev. Holmes Rolston, D. D., Rev. E. W. McCorkle, D. D., with Elder A. Moore Anderson, of Bethesda church, was appointed to visit and encourage Lebanon church near Belle Valley station. This committee met the people at Lebanon Tuesday, the 29th, and steps were taken toward the reorganization of this historic church.

Lebanon was organized in 1784. At present it has but one elder, Mr. Benson McCutchen, ninety-four years of age. Rev. J. H. Davis preaches there as supply.—Rockbridge County News.

**ALABAMA.**

**Madison:** The Presbyterian Sunday-school of this place observed "Our Congo Mission" day on May 27th. Quite a number of visitors were present to hear the children and sing. Much credit is due Mrs. G. A. Grille, the pastor's wife, for getting up the program and training the children. She was assisted by Mrs. James Giles and Miss Ethel Gillespie. The contribution amounted to seven dollars. This, however, is the smallest part of the good done. The benefit to the children in learning about missions is the greatest. We are reviving a study of the catechisms.

**APPALACHIA.**

**Stonewall Jackson College:** On Tuesday morning at ten o'clock in the First Presbyterian church, the new president, Dr. J. R. Dobyns, was installed. Judge John A. Buchanan, as president of the Board of Trustees, had charge of the ceremony, and was ably assisted by the new pastor, Rev. Wesley Baker, and the entire Board. Judge Buchanan delivered a most urgent appeal for co-operation in the advancement of education in this great section, after which he propounded to Dr. Dobyns the following questions: Do you accept the Scriptures of the old and New Testaments as the word of God? Do you accept the interpretation of the Scriptures as given in the standards of the Presbyterian Church in the United States? To which Dr. Dobyns answered audibly and emphatically, "I do." The installation address by Dr. Dobyns was an eloquent tribute to the girlhood and womanhood of the past, the present and future in the South, and he impressed the great importance of the value of character, education, and spiritual charm, all of which he held up as ideals. After the ceremony, an important meeting of the Board was

held which closed the entire commencement exercises of this session. The fall term will begin Wednesday, September the 12th, and the outlook for a full attendance is most promising.  
M. B. B.

**ARKANSAS.**

**Prescott:** There is a federated church here of the U. S. and U. S. A. They have been working together very harmoniously, and there is a spirit of unity and concord. Each church keeps up its separate organization, but they have one pastor and one Sunday-school.

The Rev. Frank E. Fincher, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Houston, Tex., came to assist the pastor, Dr. J. C. Williams, in an eight days' meeting, May 18th. It was a great meeting in every particular, and the crowds were large and interested. The daylight audiences were among the largest ever seen here, ranging from one hundred to over two hundred, and the evening crowds filled the auditorium and the Sunday-school rooms. Mr. Fincher preached the gospel in love and power, and the heart of many were reached. He was also assisted, a part of the time, by Miss Boon, of Greenville, Tex., with some very touching and uplifting solos. There were thirty-four additions to the church, and a very remarkable coincidence was that each church received an equal share, and the federated church is much stronger numerically and spiritually than it has been for years. Mr. Fincher is not a professional evangelist, but a pastor with an evangelistic gift, and his methods are very sane and successful. In a few years he has built up one of the largest churches in the South, and is a living proof that it pays to preach the old gospel.

**Arkansas College:** Some weeks ago the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees and the Faculty decided to give full credit for all satisfactory work to students who enlisted or withdrew to take up some form of productive service during the summer. It was also decided to hold commencement a week early and simplify the exercises as much as possible. The presentation of Twelfth Night by the College Dramatic Club and the annual alumni banquet were omitted. The regular services of baccalaureate and Y. M. C. A. sermons were held Sunday, May 27th. The closing exercises of commencement took place Tuesday evening, May 29th. These exercises combined the annual Inter-Society Oratorical Contest and the awarding of diplomas and medals.

The most popular part of the closing exercises was the announcements made by President Lacy. Mr. W. S. Lacy, an alumnus of Arkansas College, and an experienced school man, comes from Peace Institute, Raleigh, N. C. In other fields he has attracted the attention of the church by his splendid work. He has been actively connected with this college only since January, and yet in that time he has won the confidence and full co-operation of the entire college constituency, and has done a surprising amount of work. He announced that a beautiful new site of forty acres has been secured in the residence part of Batesville and arrangements made to begin in the near future the erection of a \$40,000 dormitory. This is the first of several buildings which are to follow in quick and regular succession. It was announced further that he has made very encouraging progress in the \$300,000 campaign and that one friend has given \$30,000 or a tenth of the whole amount.

Plans have also been completed for an extensive campaign this summer

for students. For five years Mr. Lacy has formerly served Arkansas College as professor and Field Secretary and during that time the student body was almost doubled and the financial condition of the college greatly improved. We are sure of similar results from his leadership.

We feel sure that those who are interested in the work of this noble institution will rejoice to learn of its progress and splendid outlook for the future.

**GEORGIA.**

**Atlanta:** In the recent account of the losses of Presbyterian ministers in the Atlanta fire, no mention of the destruction of the home of Rev. M. McG. Shields, D. D. Five Presbyterian ministers lost their homes—M. McG. Shields, W. H. Miley, John Goff, family of G. A. Beattiem, and A. A. Little.

**Atlanta, Westminster:** On Sunday, May 27th, immediately after the fire, this congregation gathered in the tent erected on the church lawn. The Sunday-school was reorganized, and two hundred and ten were present. The regular offering for Nacoochee was taken, and \$93 secured. The 11 o'clock service was a union one of the three churches burned out, and nearly a thousand people met. An encouraging sermon was preached by the Rev. A. A. Little, and the pastors of the other churches also spoke, cheering the people. The whole service was an uplifting one, and a new life was put into the congregations. The Westminster church met Sunday, June 3rd, to consider rebuilding. While two-thirds of the members lost their homes and household goods, there is a loyal spirit among them that is enough to gladden the heart of any pastor.

**Cuthbert:** This church, of which Rev. A. H. Atkins is pastor, is in a very prosperous condition. About eighteen months since the beginning of the present pastorate the church had about fifty members. The membership now is about eighty. There have been thirty-two additions to the church. The pastor could not see how the church could grow since the Presbyterian material was very scarce, but he failed to realize, as so many others do, that the arms of the Lord are not shortened. Very recently, a week or two after the successful meeting that was held by Rev. G. F. Robertson, D. D., there were nine additions to the church. On the third Sabbath of June there will be two additions by letter. The meeting held by Dr. Robertson resulted in great good. The pastor of the church was delighted when he wrote him that he could accept his invitation. He had already held three meetings for him, and during these meetings there were many additions to the churches. The writer regards Dr. Robertson as one of the great evangelists. When he left Cuthbert and the towns in Alabama, where he held meetings for the writer of this article, his praises were in the mouths of every person that had listened to his sermons. Any church that secures his services will be very fortunate.

A. H. A.

**Summer Conference:** The Synod, which met last fall at Dalton, by a recommendation of its Home Mission Committee, authorized the holding of a summer conference at Nacoochee, our mountain school. A committee was, therefore, appointed and authorized to arrange for and hold this conference. This committee is composed of Rev. S. W. DuBose, chairman; Rev. J. B. Ficklen, secretary and treasurer, and Rev. M. McG. Shields, D. D. It has been decided to hold this conference from July

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