

## OKLAHOMA.

**Oklahoma City, Peoples' Presbyterian Church:** On July 1st, without a dissenting voice, this church decided to engage in a week of sunrise prayer meetings that God would enable us to pay off the remaining debt on the church building—about \$212. Payments on the debt have been made from time to time, but it seemed that the limit had been reached, for nothing had been paid for months. Six A. M. was the hour selected, and throughout the week, from 7 or 8 to a dozen people met for a hymn and a short consideration of some of God's encouragements to prayer—confident, believing, prevailing prayer—and then prayed. The circle of prayer was usually complete as to every one present, even the children. At the last meeting, Saturday morning, six or eight remained longer than usual, and went over God's assurances till all were convinced that God would do the next day the thing that looked so impossible to the small in number, hard-working, needy people who were faithful to God's service in the Peoples' Presbyterian church.

Sunday morning was hot, and a smaller number than was expected assembled for worship. But God marvelously answered prayer. After the baskets were sent around twice, the offering was still short of the required amount. One widow offered to mortgage her home for \$25 rather than that the debt should not be paid. The offering was to be cash or checks—no pledges. After four persons had made arrangements to borrow to meet checks drawn beyond the amount in bank, \$214.60, in cash and checks, lay on the altar. The next day, belated checks and cash to the amount of \$21 were received from some who could not be present the day before. This sum will constitute a nucleus of a fund to complete the church building; we are still worshipping in the basement—the superstructure is yet to be built.

The praying had been not merely for the money, but also that the giving of the money might honor God and be a great spiritual blessing to the church and community. Our faithful God answered all petitions. The church is rejoicing, and still wonders how it was done. The widow who was willing to mortgage her home says one lesson she got out of this is that prevailing prayer requires that we be willing to lay down our lives, if necessary, to the accomplishment of that for which we pray. All who read this are earnestly requested to join us in prayer that we may soon be able to complete the church building. Mark 11:24: "Whatsoever things ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."

J. S. J.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Pee Dee Presbytery,** at a called meeting held in Bennettsville, July 17th, received Mr. T. M. Stevenson, a young lawyer of Florence, under its care as a candidate for the ministry. He was then dismissed to Concord Presbytery in North Carolina. Mr. Stevenson is a graduate of Davidson College, and will enter Union Theological Seminary at Richmond in September.

A. H. McArn, S. C.

**Liberty:** One of the greatest meetings ever held in Liberty came to a close on Sunday night, July 15th. The meeting began on Sunday, July 1st, when Rev. J. O. Burnett preached the first sermon at the Baptist church. It was a union meeting, the pastors of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches co-operating. The tent was put up on Monday on the school-

house grounds and preaching held every night by the local pastors. Mr. Hugh Clotworthy, of Aiken, S. C., was the chorus leader, and soon had the choir well trained. He rendered some grand solos. The singing was a leading feature of the meeting. Rev. Walt Holcomb, of Nashville, Tenn., arrived on Friday and preached twice every day. His sermons were powerful and stirring calls to repentance. Prayer meetings were held every day in different parts of the town separately by men, women and children. Great mass meetings for men were held each Sunday afternoon. Large crowds were in attendance and gave him close attention, and the best of order prevailed. Special outdoor services were held at both mills at noon on Tuesday and Wednesday. There were about 110 conversions and renewals, and our town has been greatly benefited by these splendid services. Many people have gotten up on higher ground, the gospel has been faithfully proclaimed, and an earnest appeal to all people to turn from evil and turn to righteousness has been made.

## TENNESSEE.

**Nashville, First church,** carries on its church leaflet an "honor roll" containing the names of more than thirty of its young men, among them the pastor's eldest son, who have enlisted in the army. To each of these young men the churches presented a khaki Testament with a suitable inscription. Some twenty of these young men are in the officers' reserve corps at Fort Oglethorpe, where Dr. Vance preached four times Sunday, July 15th, twice to the young men in the training camp and twice to the regulars.

## TEXAS.

**Itasca:** We received into our church July 15th four new members on confession and baptism. That morning two boys, about nine and eleven years of age, came forward, at the invitation, and made a confession of faith in Christ; but as their mother objected to their being received, we deferred the reception. We hope to receive them later, however.

S. Addison McElroy.

**Bryan:** The pastor of this church has just closed a union meeting at Tabor High School, ten miles from Bryan. There was really only one Presbyterian family in the community, numbers of Baptists and Methodists attended. The attendance was between three and four hundred every night during the ten days. Nineteen responded to the invitations given, six for reconsecration and thirteen for profession of faith. Seven of these united with the Presbyterian church. For the past year the pastor has been preaching at two school houses and a Methodist church in the county. At the quarterly communion the first of July we had the pleasure of welcoming four new members in the home church. During the months of July and August the several churches are holding union services Sunday night, the pastors preaching in turn. A good spirit of fellowship prevails.

**Taylor:** The Mexican Presbyterian church of Taylor was three years old on the fifth of this month (July). On Sunday, the 8th, it celebrated its third anniversary with a very pretty program and a large attendance of members and friends.

Beginning the night of the 8th, a series of special services was held until the 15th. Not many outsiders came, but the faithful attendance of the members was most commendable. Yesterday the communion of the Lord's Supper was held and four new members were received.

For the information and encouragement of our friends and standbys, we are going to set down here the record that this three-year-old church has made.

It has the largest membership (175) of any of our Mexican churches in Texas. It reported more members received last year on profession of faith, more adult baptisms, more infant baptisms, more Sunday-school scholars and a larger amount of gifts contributed than any other of our Mexican churches in Texas. The Presbytery of Central Texas it stands second in point of new members received, and first in point of baptisms, both adult and infant. Its Cradle Roll has sixty names, and its Home Department thirty-three. Thirty have signed family altar covenant cards. The Presbytery of Central Texas should know that this work is no longer an experiment. It is a missionary effort worth the while.

W. S. S.

**Oakland Church:** This church is quite small; is located in a country neighborhood near Crockett. It has preaching once a month by Rev. S. F. Tenney. Recently a protracted meeting was held for a week, in which Rev. W. C. Tenney, of Elysian Fields, did the preaching, assisting also by singing solos. The attendance was good, and the people were much encouraged. Four persons made profession of faith.

**Del Rio:** A good meeting begun the latter part of April, and continuing through May and June, closed the first Sunday of July.

There were 99 confessions of faith—65 United States soldiers and 34 civilians. The meeting was held under the auspices of the First Presbyterian church of Del Rio. By special invitation from Rev. J. B. Holt, pastor of the First Baptist church, the services were conducted in his new tabernacle. He and his good people most cordially co-operated with us, as well as good friends of other churches.

We were led in this meeting by Rev. J. T. Renfro, a young Baptist minister, and Evangelist John C. O'Hair, of San Antonio. Both of these men are mighty in the word. There were some notable conversions under the preaching of these men of God.

Meetings for the soldiers were held in the Army Y. M. C. A. at Camp Del Rio, adjoining the town. It was a great sight to see 45 soldiers at one of these meetings march up boldly and confess Christ as their personal Saviour. A few days after this, the men of these battalions marched away, and we are told that some of these same men are now in France.

As a result of this meeting the Presbyterian church has received 12 members, 11 on confession of faith and one on statement.

The work of the church out here on the Mexican border is very discouraging. We occupy both Home and Foreign Missionary territory, which makes it doubly hard on the missionary, owing to the multiplication of problems constantly present for solution.

This church has recently undergone some extensive repairs, which has added much to the comfort and beauty of the building.

We have a small band of loyal Presbyterians here who are standing nobly by the work in its every phase.

If the Presbyterians back in the old Synods only knew the difficulties constantly confronting their Home Missionaries along the Mexican frontier, there would be more sympathy on their part for the work.

John H. Bellot, Pastor.

**Purdon:** The Rev. G. T. Bourne, pastor of the Presbyterian church, and the Rev. Mr. Baird, pastor of the Methodist church, began a revival meeting on Friday, June 29, and continued through Sunday, July the 8th. The Rev. F. J. Delaney, of Arkansas, did the preaching. His sermons were of a high order and our people were well pleased with him. It is very rare that such a spirit of brotherly love is seen among the people of the different denominations as was shown during the meeting. On the last day the congregation voted almost unanimously to hold a union meeting next year. The singing was led by Mr. Baird and was inspiring. The visible results were the reception of one young man into the Methodist on profession of faith and baptism, and two boys and a mother and her little daughter on profession of faith and baptism into the Presbyterian church. It is a pleasing fact that not a single child of Presbyterian parents who has reached the age of accountability is out of the church. To God be all the praise.

**Throckmorton:** Rev. Gaines B. Hall, assisted by Rev. T. M. Cunningham, spent eight days with this church, preaching and singing the gospel until it found its way into the hearts of many who had never known Christ before. The last Sunday, seven, five of whom were adults, united with the church on profession of faith. The church was quickened in its spiritual life and has taken up the matter of erecting a beautiful and commodious house of worship.

**Anson:** This church has recently enjoyed a series of services in which Rev. B. Wrenn Webb, U. S. A., of Sherman, did the preaching. The church was greatly revived and nine were received upon profession of faith, others giving names for other churches.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

**Synodical Home Missions:** Early in June the superintendent of Synodical Home Missions, in company with Rev. W. W. Pharr, of Lewisburg, W. Va., spent about a week with the church at Mt. Hope, in Greenbrier Presbytery. Out of the first six nights the lights failed us, leaving us in the dark, two nights. Results of this short meeting: A number of reconsecrations, five added to the church by letter, fourteen by profession of faith, and about fifteen indicated their purpose to secure letters and put them in when a pastor is secured. This is a most promising field for some earnest, consecrated pastor.

From Mt. Hope the superintendent swung clear across the State to the Central church, Clarksburg, in Tygart's Valley Presbytery. Here he spent two weeks visiting and trying to gather together a badly scattered and pastorless city congregation. The preaching was entirely to the church. As a result of the work here one lady united with the church by letter, one young lady made confession of faith in Christ as her personal Saviour and was baptized. In addition to this, on the Sabbath day, June 24th, Rev. A. H. Clarke, of Davis, W. Va., was given a unanimous and most hearty call to become pastor of this church. His decision is anxiously awaited. The prospects of this church are very bright.

The superintendent is now at Clothier, Boone county, in Kanawha Presbytery, for a few days. On the 23d, D. V., he expects to leave for the Westminster Encampment, at Montair, Kerrville, Texas, and will be gone for several weeks.

Robert M. Hall,  
Superintendent Home Missions and  
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