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THE BAPTISTS IN WELSH.

Address of Pres. Jno. H. Cooper at the Dedication of the First Baptist Church of Welsh, Sunday, November 19, 1905.

The first record of Baptists I have been able to find in Welsh is September 13, 1887, when it seems a Baptist church was organized under the name of "Christ's Church," with eight members. On November 8 following, Bro. A. G. Dunn was called as pastor. No other record is found until April 27, 1889, when a meeting of the church was held. Rev. J. B. Hame, acting as moderator at this time, five were taken into the fellowship of the church; two by letter and three by baptism. On the first day of August of the same year, another meeting was held, presided over by M. L. Davis. At this meeting it was reported that the members, acting upon their individual responsibility, had secured the pledge of a lot upon which to build and \$397.00 besides. Sunday after this, however, the brother who had pledged the lot upon which to build, and who, by the way, was Henry Welsh, the father of the town, died without making any provision for the transfer of the lot to the church and so it was lost.

About this time a number of our brethren attended our state convention which met that year at Lake Charles, and endeavored to secure some assistance to build, but were unable to do so; not even able to secure the promise of our state board to give us a pastor. In November following, a meeting was held and letters of dismission granted to two of the thirteen members. So far as I am able to find, no other meeting was held until July 28, 1892. At the conclusion of a meeting held by Bros. M. E. Shattuch and J. J. Baria, when it was found that only seven members remained; one was lost sight of and two excluded at that time. Bro. M. E. Shattuch was called as pastor and three days later, on July 31, 1892, Bros. M. L. Sloane and W. C. Brown were ordained deacons. No further records can be found until September 3, 1896, when the church met. At the close of a meeting held by Bros. E. J. Moberly and J. L. Barret, when two were received by letter, four under the watch care of the church and two candidates for baptism. The four received under the watch care of the church afterward presented their letters and were received into the fellowship of the church, but those received for baptism were never baptized until after the present organization. One of them was baptized and received into the fellowship of the church, but so far as we know the other never has.

Bro. J. L. Barret was called as pastor and held regular monthly service until April 11, 1897, when he resigned. During Rev. Barret's pastorate there were six received into the church and three dismissed by letter. \$30.45 was raised for all purposes.

Nothing further is known of Baptists here until about the beginning of 1902, when our state board sent Bro. S. C. Self into this field as a missionary.

In the early part of May, 1902, Rev. A. L. Johnson, then general missionary for the state, visited Welsh and assisted Rev. Self in a meeting of several days duration, at the conclusion of which, on the 12th day of May, the following persons met at the residence of Dr. Jno. H. Cooper and organized the Missionary Baptist Church of Welsh: M. L. Sloane, Mrs. A. C. Sloane, Dr. Jno. H. Cooper, Mrs. Lorena Cooper and W. C. Brown, of the defunct Baptist church of Welsh. A. C. Shipman of Dun eburgh, Hampton, Illinois, S. Blackford, of a defunct Wisconsin church, J. F. Tubbs of a defunct church of Molina Junction, Texas, C. E. Hooper of Gillsburg, Mississippi, Miss Bell Holl, Odessa, Missouri, Miss Mary Robertson, Cabool, Missouri, Mrs. E. Medus, Whiteville, Louisiana, P. H. Goodreau, Mrs. Agness Goodreau, Miss Eldia Goodreau and R. M. Gray of Crowley church.

A building committee consisting of J. F. Tubbs, W. C. Brown, A. C. Shipman, R. M. Gray and John H. Cooper, was appointed to secure a suitable location and estimate cost of a suitable building.

This committee soon reported that the location could be secured and estimated that \$2,200 would be sufficient for the erection of the building, whereupon the committee was instructed to proceed at once to build, which they did and by the 28th of December 1902, the building was far enough along that a meeting was held in it and a Baptist Sunday school, the first ever held in Welsh, was organized with J. F. Tubbs as Superintendent.

The building of a Baptist church in
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Killed at Crowley.

Harvey Allison, brother of A. B. Allison, secretary of the Louisiana Mill and Irrigation Co., of Crowley, met with an accident last Friday morning which caused instant death. Mr. Allison was engaged by the Star B mill people to take the place of Engineer Patton, who is off for a few days. He went to the mill and had been engaged in his duties but a short time when through some manner he was caught in the machinery and hurled to the floor and his spinal column was broken. He was twenty-five years of age and unmarried. The funeral occurred Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church of that place.

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Sham Battle at Opelousas.

The military companies of Lake Charles, Rayne, Crowley, Amite City, Baton Rouge and Alexandria will hold a military celebration and sham battle on Nov. 26, at Opelousas. The companies from Lake Charles, Rayne and Crowley will go on a special train. Gov. Blanchard, Adjutant General Stafford and several members of the governor's staff have promised to attend. The exercises will include a competitive drill, parade, batallion drill and sham battle. It is expected that a very large crowd will attend, as Opelousas is a very popular excursion point.

Reading Notice.

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Another Grand Jury Session.

Judge E. D. Miller Tuesday morning made an order calling the grand jurors and all the men who were summoned to act on the grand jury, but were left out in the drawing, to meet Wednesday, Nov. 29. Since the grand jury adjourned several matters have come up which in Judge Miller's opinion, should be acted upon by them.

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Grand Jury Report.

The Grand Jury empaneled Nov. 6, have submitted their report for the present session as follows:

We have examined 124 cases, 360 witnesses, of which we have returned 88 true bills as follows: 5 for murder 1 manslaughter, 9 assault with intent to kill, 5 larceny, 6 carrying concealed weapons, 17 hoodlumism, 11 violating Sunday law, 9 for selling liquor to minors, 4 for selling liquor without license, 1 embezzlement, 6 assault and battery, 14 minor charges. Not true bills 6.

ESTRAY.—Came to my place about the first of October, 1904, one red heifer—no brand. Owner can have same by proving property and paying costs of keeping and this advertisement. p-4t A. A. Sutter.

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GULF CONFERENCE

The Third Annual Session of the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church Will Be Held in Welsh, December 1-5.

The third annual session of the Gulf Conference of the Methodist Episcopal church will convene in Welsh, December 1. There will be a number of outside visitors besides the regular ministerial members of the conference.

Every citizen should feel that his town and community is being highly honored by the coming of this body of christian men and women. It will be the largest meeting of any kind ever held in the community and is not only an honor to the town, but will be a blessing to all the churches and an inspiration to each individual.

Bishop Wilson, our presiding officer, is one of the great leaders and directors of christian thought and influence and all who come in contact with him will be greatly helped.

One of the secretaries of the largest missionary enterprises in the world will also be present and will be heard on Sunday night.

Education, religious literature, home missions and deaconess work will all have their place during the meeting and all who possibly can should plan to attend and receive of the good things.

While this body of spiritual people are among us, let us expect and pray that we may all be made better men and women and that at the pentecostal services, which will be held daily, sinners may be converted and believers baptized with the Holy Ghost "for the promise is unto you and your children, and as many as the Lord our God shall call." Let every house which entertains a minister or lay member, see to it that they have the opportunity of reading God's word in your family circle and praying with you.

A number of speakers from outside the conference will be with us. This will be an opportunity that some will never have again; that of hearing some of the greatest leaders of religious thought in our country.

Let every one feel that this is "my conference," this is an opportunity in my life which I will take advantage of and receive all the good I can.

The following is the program for the Gulf Conference, beginning Nov. 30: THURSDAY, NOV. 30.

EXAMINATION OF CLASSES.

Thursday Evening, 7:00 o'clock: Conference Reception.

7:30—Song Service, Rev. J. R. Basket.

8:00—Address of Welcome for the Citizens: Dr. J. H. Cooper.

Response for the Conference: Dr. Hy. H. McCain.

Address of Welcome for the Churches: Dr. G. R. Mente.

Response for Conference: Bishop Luther B. Wilson, D. D.

FRIDAY, DEC. 1.

OPENING SESSION

9:00 a. m.—Sacramental Service.

10:00—Organization and Business.

11:20—Address by Bishop Wilson.

3:00 p. m.—Missionary Sermon; Rev. W. E. Harrison.

4:00—Pentecostal Service.

7:00—Song and Praise Service.

7:30—Conference Sermon; Rev. J. R. Basket.

SATURDAY, DEC. 2.

9:00 a. m.—Devotions.

9:30—Business Session.

11:20—Address by Bishop Wilson.

3:00 p. m.—Meridian Male and Female Colleges; Presidents J. W. and M. A. Beeson.

4:00—Pentecostal Service.

7:00—Song Service; Rev. J. R. Basket.

7:30—Educational Anniversary; Rev. J. F. Boeys, D. D.

SUNDAY, DEC. 3.

9:30 a. m.—Love Feast; Rev. Wm. R. Chase.

11:00—Sermon by Bishop Luther B. Wilson, D. D.

3:30 p. m.—Ordination of Deacons and Elders.

6:45—Service for Young People.

7:30—Conference Prayer League; Rev. W. E. Harrison.

8:00—Missionary Anniversary, Rev. H. K. Carroll, D. D.

MONDAY, DEC. 4.

9:00 a. m.—Devotions.

9:30—Business Session.

11:20—Address by Bishop Wilson.

3:00 p. m.—Woman's Home Missionary Society; Mrs. A. R. Timmons.

4:00—Pentecostal Service.

7:00—Song and Praise Service.

7:30—Address on Deaconess Work; Miss Rebecca Bell.

TUESDAY, DEC. 5.

LAST DAY.

8:30—Devotions.

9:00—Business Session.

11:00—Reading of Appointments.

ADJOURNMENT.

This Program is subject to change.

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