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D. R. READ, EDITOR.

A Splendid Piece of Road
We had the pleasure of riding over the finest road last Friday that we have seen since we have been in Louisiana. The road in question extends south from M. A. Neeley's north line toward the Gulf Mill, and is being built by Mr. Neeley and his neighbors. They have about three miles of it now completed and intend to continue it to town. The work is being done with a grader and a fine road bed is being thrown up with wide drainage ditches on either side. In order to insure thorough drainage they have also had the Sparks grading outfit cut a good ditch clear to the Bayou. This movement on the part of the citizens is a wise one and worthy of full commendation. It not only enhances the value of their property, but also makes more valuable every acre of land that can be reached by passing over it. The Journal wishes to complement these gentlemen upon the spirit of enterprise they have shown in this work.

FOR SALE:—Number one Honduras Seed Rice, raised on new land from imported seed. Also medium straw Japan, raised on new land from seed first crop from imported seed. This rice is in private warehouse three miles north of Welsh, where it can be left until wanted without storage charges. Inquire of or address J. T. Peck, Welsh, La.

Association of Congregational Churches.

The Southwest Louisiana Association of the Congregational Churches and Ministers met in the Annual session with the First Congregational Church of this place on Oct. 29 to 31. All the churches in the association were represented except Roseland and Lake Charles. Beside the local pastors and delegates we were favored with the presence of Dr. H. C. Herring General Secretary of the Congregational Home Missionary Society, Rev. William Ewing, Missionary Secretary of our Sunday School and Publishing Society, and Rev. Frank E. Jenkins Superintendent of the South. The meeting opened on Thursday night with a song and praise service led by Rev. C. C. McCoy, of Fisher, Rev. William Ewing of Boston, preached the Convention Sermon, using as his text, Proverbs 29: 21. The sermon being a plea for painstaking, energetic care for all the needy ones in our country. Especial emphasis being placed upon care for the large foreign immigration and the boys and girls. The Lords Supper was celebrated under direction of Rev's. Lambly and Gonzales. The meeting of Friday opened with an hour for business and appointment of Committees. Rev. M. O. Lambly of Jennings, was elected Moderator and Rev. C. C. McCoy of Fisher Clerk and Treasure. The Treasures report showed all bills paid and a small balance in the treasure. It was voted to apply this balance toward Missionary work. The program as printed was the order at 10 o'clock, when the general question of our Louisiana work was taken up. Rev. Jenkins gave his impression of our work, and among other kindly things said of us, that we gave evidence of being genuinely Christian. The general discussion showed conclusively that with the exception of our work at Lake Charles we have every reason to be encouraged with the outlook for the future. At 11.15 a

helpful sermon was delivered by Rev. Joseph Coffin of Vinton. The first address of the afternoon was by Rev. William Ewing of Boston. Rev. Ewing emphasized the necessity for more careful work and instruction in our Sunday Schools. This was followed by an address by Dr. H. C. Herring of New York, who emphasized the great work of the church in its efforts to reach the masses of people. The three o'clock hour was devoted to a study of the theme, The Place of Prayer in our work, and a prayer service. Rev. Leeds led our thought in his usual careful spiritual way and all were profited by the hour of meditation and prayer. Following this hour of preparation, Dr. Frank E. Jenkins preached a most inspiring sermon, by the theme, The church but a means to advance the Kingdom of God on Earth. Dr. Jenkins clearly set forth the weakness of our modern church life in its selfish interests and plead for a live, aggressive effort to help advance the Kingdom of Jesus Christ. At 7.30 Rev. John Schmink of Iowa and Manchester led in a helpful and spirited praise service, and Dr. H. C. Herring of New York delivered an address touching various phases of the great Home Missionary problem. He introduced his subject by reminding us that this was a work in which all our protestant denominations are taking an active part, and in which we as Congregationalists have had a large and important place. He traced the development of Home Missionary work in Iowa declaring that though the effort of men engaged in this line of work, our churches increased from 13 to 335 in 65 years. Also in North Dakota, where over 200 churches have been organized in less than 25 years. Attention was called to the great west and northwest just now opening to us as well as the southwest. The value of the little Home Missionary church was clearly set forth. And our attention directed to it, as a center of light and helpfulness not only to the community but

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into the wide world. The address was inspiring to all who heard it and every Congregationalist went away determined to stand by the Home Missionary Society in its labors of sacrifice and love. The closing session on Saturday morning was devoted to a Workers' Conference, dealing with the problem of the successful church.

Rev. M. O. Lambly opened the discussion by outlining the minister's relationship to the church, and Rev. C. C. McCoy emphasizing the responsibility of the membership.

A number of the pastors and delegates took part in the discussion and all agreed that unless the church be so much alive that souls are being saved through its efforts, it cannot be called successful.

The reports from the churches brought evidences that our work is prospering in every quarter.

Hammond was chosen as the place of meeting for the next association, and Rev. J. A. Schmink elected preacher, with C. C. McCoy alternate.

The pastors and delegates present were:

Jennings—Rev. M. O. Lambly, Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Gonzales, Rev. and Mrs. W. Lumpkin.

Kinder—Rev. and Mrs. Paul Leeds.

Bayou Blue—Mark Robinson and Paul Williams.

Fisher—Rev. and Mrs. C. C. McCoy.

Vinton—Rev. Joseph Coffin, B. F. Stockwell.

Iowa—Rev. John A. Schmink, Mrs. Reese.

Manchester—Rev. John A. Schmink, Mrs. Edgar Allen.

Hammond—Mr. Stead.

Rev. H. E. Herring of New York, Rev. Frank E. Jenkins of Atlanta and Rev. William Ewing were invited to sit as corresponding members. The following resolutions were adopted:

"Your committee on resolutions beg to submit the following report:

1 Resolved; That we express to the Home Missionary Society and to the Sunday School and Publishing Society, our hearty appreciation of their interest and co-operation in our work, also to their secretaries Dr. Herring, Dr. Jenkins and Dr. Ewing for their presence and helpfulness in this association meeting.

2 Resolved; That we, as one association, give thanks unto God for our recent victory in carrying Calcasieu parish for prohibition, and that we

recommend that our pastors and churches continue their zeal and earnestness along temperance and reform lines, helping in every way to make our new law effective.

3 Resolved; That we extend an expression of thanks to the Methodist brethren of Welsh, for giving up their mid-week prayer meeting in order to attend the meetings of our association.

4 Resolved; That we tender our thanks and appreciation to the good friends of Welsh church for their hospitality and cordial greetings."

Mrs. J. B. Gonzales.
Mrs. C. C. McCoy.
Jos. E. Coffin.

The question of placing the Welsh schools in the list of accredited high schools, is a most important one, and one that should have engaged the attention of a good many more citizens than it did at the mass meeting called for its consideration Tuesday evening. There can be no question but that this is an action that should be taken sooner or later. If the present financial condition of the city is such as not to warrant the increased expenditure at the present time, then we believe that action looking toward increasing our school funds should be taken at an early date. The question of disposing of the title of the school grounds and building is one that is surrounded with some little sentiment, which should not be permitted to interfere with taking whatever course of action may be necessary for improving the efficiency of the schools. We believe this is a question in which the will of the people should be ascertained as near as possible, and to this end we would be glad to see a vote taken by which the consensus of public opinion might be obtained.

Pleasant Evening at the Park.
The members of the Presbyterian Sunday school spent a very pleasant evening at the Ball Park, Friday, where they enjoyed a moonlight picnic and a camp-fire supper. Aside from an abundance of sandwiches, pickles and etc, coffee and oysters were served from the camp-fires until the appetite of every one was fully satisfied. Besides the supper the young folks enjoyed many of the old time games in the moonlight. The evening was altogether one of the pleasantest that the Sunday schools has enjoyed.

ORDINANCE
Providing for the levying and collection of taxes on all of the taxable property within the corporation of the Town of Welsh, La., for the year of 1908.

Section 1. Be it ordained by the Mayor and Board of Trustees of the Town of Welsh, La.: That for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Town of Welsh, La., for the year of 1908, as per budget of expense here incorporated, that a tax of ten mills on the dollar be, and the same is hereby assessed on the assessed valuation on all the taxable property in the Town of Welsh, La.

Sec. 2. Be it further ordained, etc.: That by authority of an Ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees and the Property Taxpayers of the Town of Welsh, La., on June 7, 1904, providing for special school tax of 5 mills upon the assessed valuation of the Town of Welsh, La., for the maintenance of of public schools for ten years from the above date, therefore a special tax of 5 mills is hereby levied on the assessed valuation of all taxable property in the town of Welsh, La., for the maintenance of public schools.

Sec. 3. Be it further ordained, etc.: That all taxes shall become a lien and privilege, on all taxable property, paramount to all other liens, State and Parish taxes excepted, and shall become delinquent at the same time and be collected in the same manner as provided for the collection of State and Parish taxes.

Sec. 4. Be it further ordained, etc.: That all taxes herein levied, shall become delinquent January 1st, 1908, and shall draw interest at the rate of 2 per cent per month until paid.

Sec. 5. Budget of expense:
For secretary and tax collector \$ 350.00
Marshall's salary..... 500.00
Public improvements: streets and bridges..... 2000.00
Public schools as provided by State Law, or three mills on the assessed valuation of the Town of Welsh, La..... 1050.00
Total..... \$4,900.00
Adopted Nov. 3, 1908.
Vote of Council:
F. D. Calkins, yea.
E. C. Willard, yea.
E. H. Bolling, yea.
Chas. Dautel, yea.
A. T. Jones, yea.
Approved November 3, 1908.
C. E. Carr,
Mayor.
Samuel Blueford,
Secretary.

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