

PIEDMONT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MEETS

The Piedmont Baptist Association held its forty-first annual session at the Beaverdam church in Anderson county August 4 and 5.

At 10:30 the moderator, G. L. Burroughs, who was elected at the close of the last session, called the body to order. The attendance was perhaps the largest the Piedmont ever had at the opening. Beaverdam church is the southern limit of the Piedmont Association and not many miles from Cedar Grove, where the Saluda Association, though the largest body of its kind and the one to hold the first session each year, had just closed its 116th session. It is easy to see that that "neck of the woods" has heard the Baptist men's views and ideas during the past few days as well as meeting some fried chicken and other accessories in the cause of the saints.

The morning session was given to a message of welcome by the pastor, H. H. Strickland, of Pelzer, S. C., new pastor who came to us from Georgia. The response was all the beautiful things Rev. W. D. Hammett, of Easley, another pastor who came to us from Rock Hill, could say. All of which stirred the meetings off in a good way on a high plane and many pleasant things that followed kept them here.

The sermon was a forceful one from Gal. 2:20, by Rev. J. A. Anderson.

Those of us who are fortunate enough to know him and have heard him preach can form some idea of the trend of the discourse leading to the text.

For some announcements and a session on Christian education by W. A. Jones, the delegates, and all others were invited to the table to take evidence, a matter not to be disputed of the prosperity of that good country in which we were surrounded.

The evidence brands the state going the rounds in the news-stand and claiming to come from authority at Washington, D. C., and distress in this good land of ours as utterly false, a foundation and even slanderous. For fear I forget it, let me say the evidence was in and around homes, and on the job next day.

There were quite a number of visitors from other associations and the different causes were well represented.

Dr. E. Burts to tell us of the great things of the 75 million campaign. Dr. W. M. Whitesides from the Baptist Hospital at Columbia and how he thought it were healing the sick, as one did in the by-gone days on the Galilean shore; Dr. A. J. Jamison, that genial man who for twenty-two years has been looking after those who are so unfortunate as to lose their earthly parents, tell us how a family of 300 gets along these days of tight money, and how every time he passes the Mauldin home that gives shelter to two or four children, he thinks of him that wielded the gavel as moderator of the Piedmont for ten consecutive years. Rev. T. J. Watts gives us some dots about how to run a Sunday school. This scribe knows how to kill one but refuses to tell. He learned when a mere boy. Dr. W. D. Derieux must tell us over and over about missions in this state. We always love to see him and listen to his inspiring as well as enlightening address. Well, we Baptists are like the fellow said his sweetheart would be could tell her how well he would do but she wouldn't stay told. Dr. Derieux, Jones, Jamison, Whitesides, Burts and the rest of them have to come and tell us over and over about how to do the things we love and wouldn't have stopped for anything, and we did aim to do them, "honest injun," but we got busy going after the goods of this world and forgot.

Forty years ago, as a boy, we were at Beaverdam at the fourth annual session of the Piedmont and some of the things that come to our mind may not be amiss. Then there were twelve churches in the association. Now there are twenty-seven. Then 1,164 members from all the churches and only 130 pupils in Sunday school. Last year the reports show that twenty-two churches report a membership of 3,532 and 2,422 pupils with 196 officers and teachers in the Sunday schools. Then the twelve churches reported for pastor's salary \$251.20, current expenses \$75.68. Last year pastor's salaries and current expenses \$18,725.29, an increase of 73 and the loss 93. Last year the increase was 133 and the loss 22. We are aware that comparisons are sometimes odious and that figures generally make misleading, but it seems that in this case they should be neither. Nor

are the comparisons made with any intent other than to show that while we as a people are advancing along most all lines, we have made some strides in the religious world as Baptists, that are not to be ashamed of.

The minutes of forty years ago show that only two ministers then in the association are now living—D. W. Hiott and F. R. McClanahan—and neither of them were pastors at that time to any of the churches in the bounds of the association nor are they now.

Only four names appearing as delegates from the churches are now living so far as we know, and only one of them was present at this association, E. M. Stone, of Six and Twenty. Rev. D. W. Hiott, Rev. F. R. McClanahan and N. A. Christopher are the others.

Truly we have no permanent abiding place, but seek a city that is to come.

The officers then were W. B. Singleton, moderator; John H. Ewen, clerk, and J. Jameson, treasurer. W. B. Singleton served the next year as moderator, was re-elected at Six and Twenty in 1886 and served to 1891. The last sermon he preached was at the dedication of the present house of worship at Beaverdam twenty-three years ago last May. Text, "Thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my house and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." John H. Bowen succeeded him as moderator in 1891 and served as such to 1897.

J. Jamison was assistant clerk and treasurer from the organization, 1878, to 1883 when he was elected clerk; and served to 1903, making twenty-five years as an officer of this association in succession. Truly these men fought in a good fight and have gone to their reward. Nor was their fighting in vain. Though dead they yet speak. The things they fought for, as their followers, are yet striving, and when we, like them, pass off the scene, God will raise up others to continue the battle, for the warfare must not cease until the victory is won and God reigns supreme in all the earth.

Associated in the memory of all who ever attended the Piedmont association and especially Beaverdam church was Rev. George M. Rogers in whom God fulfilled his promise by letting him remain to the good age of more than four score and who went to his reward last October. No man, as long as his physical ability allowed it, was truer to the cause he loved and especially his own church.

H. D. S.

LIBERTY CLUB DESIRES GAMES.

Fast Club in Pickens County Wants Games With Clubs in Piedmont Section.

With the completion of the schedule of the Piedmont Textile League the Liberty club is trying to arrange games with any clubs throughout the Piedmont section which might be interested. It is desired, if possible, to hear from Walhalla, Westminster, Ware Sheals, Gray Court, Owings or other clubs with a view of playing one or more games.

Bating averages for the Liberty club of the Piedmont Textile League follows: Finney .338; G. Medlock .319; Crane .289; Alexander .264; Scott .259; O. Medlock .253; Sweet-enturg .250; R. Medlock .246; Calvert .063; Petit .073.

J. B. Gaines, manager of the Liberty club, today made the following statement in regard to the Piedmont Textile League race:

"Liberty is well satisfied with the ending of the Piedmont Textile League. Of course we would have been better satisfied with first place but if justice had been given we would have run closer than we did. "We finished in third place only two games behind the winner.

"Liberty evened the games played with other teams by dividing. We played Brandon two games, winning one and losing one, played Duncan four, losing two and winning two, two with Piedmont losing one and winning one, defeating the old rivals at Easley three out of four. This one game that Easley took this season is the first game in several years."

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PLAY AT MONTVALE.

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Cast of Characters.

Misery Moon—A hooded coon. Clyde Jones.
Gideon Blaire—A Millionaire. Charles Dale.
Tom Rissle—As slick as a whistle. Parker Edens.
Hiram Tutt—An awful nutt. El-erbee Jones.
Patrick Ketter—A ticket seller. Laurence Sutherland.
Samantha Shade—A poor old-maid. Montine Edens.
Rosebud Reece—Her charming niece. Addie Sutherland.
Paula Ma Leek—A Bolsheviek. Daisy Martin.
Lula Pearl—A jazz-time girl. Mary Martin.
Mandy Brooks—A ferocious cook. Jo Sutherland.
Time—Today.
Place—A railroad station in Slabtown, S. C.

SYNOPSIS.

Act I.

Railroad office at Slabtown, S. C. "A poor hungry cullard man wiz a cullud wife and nine hungry chilun." Lulu chants her trouble in jazz-time. The mysterious Md. Tutt says, "S-h-h-h, not so loud." Misery does his preacher coat but has no success with the turbulent cook. Mr. Blaire, the multi-millionaire, aged 93, and his wheel chair. Misery tells about his hard luck. "It's a regular profaned parson of the African Spiritualistic church." A jazz-time wedding.

Act II.

The next day. The giddy old maid, Samantha Shade, tries to make an impression on Tutt. Rosebud and her college chum arrive on the train and decide to live up the town. Paula arrives with her bomb on the trail of Mr. Tutt. Misery tries to collect his \$9 from the millionaire. "Some people are always borrowing trouble." "Yes, and some are always borrowing \$9." Misery thinks the bomb a baseball. A black hero.

Misery Moon still a hooded coon. "Good-bye, good luck. You once wuz mine but now I know you is a shine!" Rosa Makes Tutt think she is insane.

"When I am frantic I creep—creep, creep." Tutt refuses to marry Rosa and she wins the millionaire. The hooded coon meets with good luck at last. Music.

GILSTRAP-CRAFT.

On last Sunday morning at ten o'clock Rev. C. R. White, of Easley, pronounced Miss Minnie Lee Gilstrap, of Easley mill village, and Mr. William Craft, of Iva, S. C., as man and wife. We wish for this couple a long and pleasant life.

B. M. W.

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