

DR. FRASER CALLED

To Be Co-ordinate Secretary of Presbyterian Foreign Missions.

Charlotte, N. C., Sept. 21.—The committee of the Presbyterian church, appointed for the purpose, met at Davidson, N. C., today and selected Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Staunton, Va., co-ordinate secretary of foreign missions.

The above announcement will stir up a commotion among the members of Dr. Fraser's church here, by whom he is greatly beloved, and among the Presbyterians of the Virginia synod generally who have grown accustomed to relying on him as one of their safest, surest and ablest leaders.

The feeling of love and confidence in Dr. Fraser is by no means, however, confined to his own communion, but the people of this community generally hold him in the highest esteem, and would greatly regret to see him resign his charge in Staunton, should he decide to enter the wider field of co-ordinate secretary of the foreign missions board which would necessitate his removal to Nashville, Tennessee, the headquarters of the board.

At the last meeting of the General Assembly Dr. Egbert Smith of North Carolina was chosen to the newly created position, but not seeing his way clear to accept it, he declined and Dr. Lilly of the same state was designated by the committee. He likewise declined. The appointment of Dr. Fraser came as no less a surprise to him than to others, as he had had no intimation, until yesterday, that the committee was considering him. He of course has not as yet reached any decision in the matter.

Large numbers of persons have spoken to a representative of this paper in reference to the call to Dr. A. M. Fraser to be the co-ordinate secretary of the Southern Presbyterian foreign missions board. They are unanimous in expressing the hope that he will see his way clear to remain in Virginia and Staunton where he feels that his influence and work are most valuable to both state and city. The sentiment seems universal here regardless of church affiliations. Dr. Fraser holds a warm place in the hearts of the people here, who know his worth as a man and as a minister, and who know the great loss the community would sustain in his departure.—Staunton, Va., Dispatch.

Harmony Presbytery.

Harmony Presbytery convenes in the Presbyterian church of Manning on next Tuesday evening, October 4th, at 8 o'clock.

Harmony Presbytery embraces the counties of Sumter, Clarendon, Williamsburg, and Georgetown, and parts of Lee, Kershaw, and Florence. There are at present 13 ministers, 34 churches, and 3 candidates in the Presbytery. Each church is entitled to one representative. The sessions are expected to extend from Tuesday evening to Friday evening, and all the sessions are open to the public, who are cordially invited to attend. Dinner will be served on the grounds on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. There will be preaching each morning at 11 o'clock and each evening at 8. There will be communion service on Wednesday morning. Each afternoon some popular theme will be discussed at 3.30. Of course the above schedule is liable to be changed to suit the Presbytery. The opening sermon will be preached by Rev. W. S. Porter. Mr. Howerton, who preached in the Presbyterian church for one month during the summer of 1903, will be examined for licensure. These examinations are generally of interest to the public.

We hope the meeting of the Presbytery will prove interesting to the public. Our people of sister denominations are as cordially invited as those of the Presbyterian church. We hope that none will be embarrassed because of the dinner on the grounds. If any are unwilling to come without bringing a basket such a contribution will be received with cordial good will, but they are not asked to bring a contribution.

The following schedule of services during the meeting of the Presbytery may be expected:

- Tuesday evening, preaching by Rev. W. S. Porter.
- Wednesday morning, preaching by Rev. Dr. N. W. Edmonds.
- Wednesday afternoon, Foreign Mission meeting and addresses by Revs. James McDowell, Dr. McKay, J. C. Bailey, V. R. Gaston.
- Wednesday evening, preaching by Rev. Dr. McKay.
- Thursday morning, preaching by Rev. J. C. Bailey.
- Thursday afternoon, Home Mission meeting and addresses.
- Thursday evening, preaching by Rev. Carl Barth.
- Friday morning, preaching by Rev. H. T. Darnell.
- Friday afternoon, sermon by Mr. Howerton.
- Friday evening, preaching by (to be announced).
- Rev. J. M. Holladay, in Manning Farmer.

Manning News Notes.

After about one year's dilly-dally with the telephone company of Sumter the Clarendon county commissioners have at last had the telephone poles near Paxville, which were in the public road, cut down, and we have had no communication with Sumter since, which is a great inconvenience, but we are informed the Sumter company has realized that "they are not so many" after all, and has concluded to reestablish telephone communication with Manning and will have it in working order in a few days.

There seems to be a great deal of dissatisfaction with the public cotton weighing system of this town. Many of the farmers complaining because of the distance to the buyers, and others because of the congestion at times, and some of the buyers kick, because of the confusion in getting cotton mixed. The public cotton weighing system is an experiment here. It has been tried elsewhere and wherever tried, was retained. We regret to hear these complaints, and would ask the people to be a little patient, as we feel satisfied it will work better before the season is half way over.

TOURIST HOTEL FOR SUMTER.

Proposition of a Capitalist to Erect a Three Hundred and Fifty Room Inn.

For a number of years there has been more or less talk in a disjunctive sort of way of building a modern tourist hotel in this city for the accommodation of the winter travelers who come South for health and pleasure. This talk has never amounted to anything, for, while most of our people have been agreed that a tourist hotel would be a most desirable addition to the attractions that Sumter offers to visitors and would probably be a paying investment, there has been no one to take the lead in launching the enterprise and nothing was ever done. Now, however, a capitalist who has become interested in the city and who is in a position to interest other moneyed men in the enterprise has taken up the plan in a business-like way and is seriously considering the question from a practical standpoint. The plans have not yet reached a stage for publication in full, but it can be stated at this time that the enterprise is not the mere figment of an irresponsible and visionary enthusiast, but the serious purpose of a man who has money to invest for himself and others.

The hotel if built will contain at least 350 bed rooms and will be luxuriously fitted and furnished to compete with the largest and most famous tourist hotels in the South. It will not come into competition with the established hotels as it will cater exclusively to the tourist travel and will probably be open during the winter season only. It is to be hoped that the plans of those who are interesting themselves in the enterprise will be carried out on the scale contemplated and that the hotel will be opened for the season of 1905 '06.

Clerk-Carrier Examination.

The United States Civil Service Commission announces that an examination will be held for the positions of clerk and carrier in the Postoffice Service in this city, October 19.

The salary of letter carriers in all cities which contain a population of 75,000 or more is arranged in three classes: First class, \$1,000 per annum; second class, \$800 per annum; and third class, \$600 per annum. In cities containing less than 75,000 population there are two classes: Second class, \$850 per annum, and third class, \$800 per annum.

The examination will consist of the subjects mentioned below:

Spelling, arithmetic, letter-writing, penmanship, copying from plain copy, United States geography, reading addresses.

Age limit, all positions, 18 to 45 years.

All applicants, male and female, must have the medical certificate in the application blank executed. Male applicants must be at least 5 feet 4 inches in height in bare feet, and weigh not less than 125 pounds.

For application blank, full instructions, specimen examination questions, and information relative to the duties and salaries of the different positions, and the location of the examination room, application should be made to the secretary of the board of examiners at the postoffice.

No application will be accepted for this examination unless received by the undersigned prior to 4 o'clock p. m., October 12, 1904.

Fred Wannamaker,
Secretary Fifth District,
Postoffice, Atlanta, Ga.

A Tribute to a Beloved Pastor.

After the regular services at the Bishopville Presbyterian church last Sunday, a congregational meeting was held. Dr. R. E. Dennis was called to the chair and Mr. W. R. Law acted as secretary. Mr. Sam Bradley offered the following preamble and resolutions which were unanimously adopted and requested to be recorded in the minute book of the church and a copy be sent to the pastor:

Whereas, Rev. W. A. Gregg has given notice to this congregation that on account of the infirmities of age, he will tender his resignation as pastor of Bishopville Presbyterian church at the next meeting of Harmony Presbytery.

And whereas, it becomes our duty as a congregation to give expression to our sentiments on this important matter. Therefore, be it resolved,

That, we unite with our pastor in asking Presbytery to dissolve the relationship now existing between Rev. W. A. Gregg and this church.

Resolved further, That in taking this action, we do it reluctantly and with deep sorrow, because of the severance of the tender tie which has bound us together as pastor and people for the past thirty-seven years.

And we do hereby bear willing testimony to the consistent and exemplary Christian character of our beloved pastor, to the earnestness and fidelity with which he ever preached the gospel of Jesus Christ, and to the faithfulness with which he discharged every duty that devolved upon him during his long ministry.

We pray that a merciful God will abundantly bless him and grant him peace and happiness in his declining years.

Broke Into His House

S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by invasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. King's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and now he's entirely cured. They're guaranteed to cure, 25 cents at DeLorme's Drug Store.

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There Are Two of Them.

It is with something akin to genuine gratification that we are able to satisfy in a measure, at least, the craving which the esteemed Washington Post has to learn something of the character and personality of the Hon. Robert Treat Paine. It seems, indeed, that there are really two of them, but that only one has any business in being on the face of the earth. The other one, the fellow who ought not to be at all, lives, we believe, somewhere in Brooklyn. The public only became aware of his existence through a brief but luminous correspondence which took place between himself and his Boston namesake on one occasion. It seems that the person in Brooklyn was somewhat inconvenienced a few years ago by receiving certain dividend checks which were intended for the gentleman in Boston. He returned these checks to the senders, and when he subsequently received other checks he had what he thought was the courtesy, to send them direct to their real owner. Whereupon, by way of thanks, he received a letter, from which the following is said to be an extract:

Your letter with its enclosure has been received by me. I hope you will allow me to express my sincere regret that you should bear the name that by right of lineal descent belongs to me and my family here in Boston. There is no other direct male descendant of Robert Treat Paine, signer of the Declaration of Independence, who was the first to bear that name. If the name was given to you out of honor to the signer I think such a practice should not receive the sanction of thoughtful persons.

Now, Mr. Robert Treat Paine, of Brooklyn, though not known as a publicist, a politician or an aristocrat, was proud of spirit in his own particular way. He had not been accustomed to sitting up nights to prune his genealogical tree, but he nevertheless felt that he was entitled to some consideration because of his own individual work and worth. He objected strenuously to the peremptory rebuke administered to him by the haughty Paritan for no better reason than that their names happened to be identical, and he sought to assert his right to life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness, and incidentally to be named what he pleased. So this is what he wrote:

"For the reason that it is impossible to stop the bray of the donkey without killing the ass, I will allow you to express your sincere regret. The family to which I have the honor to belong existed for many years prior to the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and your statement that the signer was the first to bear the name suggests thoughts as to his antecedents. I have never been sufficiently interested to look up my genealogy, and I certainly shall never attempt it now, lest I might find that one of its withered branches reached out to you."

As the correspondence between the Robert Treat Paines abruptly ceases at this point, further information concerning them is not available. The incident should, however, greatly enlighten the esteemed Washington Post, as to who the Hon. Robert Treat Paine is, even if it fails to explain to our esteemed contemporaries why he is "still at large."—News and Courier.

Rose Equal to the Emergency.

As an old colored preacher who had been conducting a revival meeting was reaching the end of his series, he appeared before the congregation one night, says the Indianapolis News, and spoke thus: "Brethren and sisters, I come befo' you all wholly unprepared with my text. I hab been preaching' all so'ts of things and to show the brethren and sisters that I have not said all that I know, I will ask that some membah of this congregation suggest a subject and I will preach about it to you."

For several minutes there was an embarrassing silence while the minister scowled over the top of his glasses, waiting for some one to propose a topic.

No one seemed anxious to take advantage of the opportunity, until finally a little fellow in the back part of the church yelled out, "Pill."

There was a snicker as the preacher cleared his voice and said:

"Pills. I hab been requested by some membah of this congregation to discourse befo' you all on 'pills.' Now brethren and sisters, I am not familiar wid the ways of medicine for I am a preacher man, but as I said I would talk on any subject that was proposed, 'pills' will be my text.

Now to begin with, there are quinine pills, calomel pills, big pills and little pills what the doctor do prescribe when the flesh am sick. But I propose to talk to you about the kind of medicine what de soul needs when it am sick—gospills."

Newspaper Support.

The Evening Telegram, an afternoon daily paper published in Newberry, we see it stated, has announced that unless the business men of the city give it a better support, it will suspend publication. We know nothing about the Telegram's business policy, and have no criticism to make of it, but we think the publishers will find that the business men do not "give support" to any paper, anywhere. In fact, they generally desire the news papers to give them and their town all the boost free of expense to the business interests of the place. A newspaper has to hustle for all the support it gets out of a community, and if it makes more than a support it is because the business men find it a necessity. They do not patronize it because it is "our town paper," or from an other sentimental standpoint. They never chip in to help build up a good paper; they patronize it more or less after it has been built up at the publisher's expense. If a publisher has not sufficient capital to pay a position he is in a losing game. He had better work for moderate wages and leave the patriotic business to some one who can afford it.—Manning Farmer.

When a poor servant leaves you "the tears that live in an onion should water your sorrow," and a timely "Help want" adv. should cure it altogether.

Confederate Rolls Finished.

Columbia, Sept. 29.—Col. M. P. Tribble has finished the work of collecting and collaborating the Confederate rolls, and yesterday forwarded them to the war department at Washington. It is the purpose of the national government to publish these records, which are the original rolls, and every care will be taken of the manuscript. The rolls will be published in the alphabetical order of the States, and it may be some time before South Carolina is reached. This work has occupied Col. Tribble several months, and the publication of the records will be a matter of gratification to the people of South Carolina.

Boll Weevil Reported in Georgia.

Covington, Ga., Sept. 27.—An insect supposed to be a boll weevil has been found in this county on the plantation of L. F. Duke. Charles G. Smith subjected the insect to a microscopic examination and compared it to an enlarged picture of the boll weevil issued by the department of agriculture and he finds it to be practically identical with the genuine Mexican boll weevil. They had not been discovered until the recent hot dry weather, but they are becoming quite numerous now.

The Summer Resort Widow.

"The widow," said I. W. Read of Nashville, "furnishes the most delighful study to the observer of the tricks and manners of human beings. "One summer," he continued, in a ruminating manner, "I was spending some time at White Sulphur Springs, Va.—I only tell this as an illustration of the acumen and intelligence of the genus widow—and one afternoon a handsome young woman and her six-year-old son sat near me on the veranda. The young fellow trotted up to me and I patted him on the head. "What's your name?" he asked. "I told him. "Is you married?" he lisped. "No, I'm not," I replied. "Then the child paused for a moment and turning to his mother, said: "Mamma, what else did you tell me to ask him?"

When Emerson wrote that "there are three Wants which can never be satisfied—that of the rich, who want something more; that of the sick, who want something different; and that of the traveler, who says, 'Anywhere, but here,'" he outlined the limitations of the want ads. pretty fully.

Many Mothers of a Like Opinion.

Mrs. Pilmer, of Cordova, Iowa, says: "One of my children was subject to croup of a severe type, and the giving of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy promptly, always brought relief. Many mothers in this neighborhood think the same as I do about this remedy and want no other kind for their children." For sale by China's Drug Store.

Scranton, Pa., Sept. 28.—Eleven men were burned this morning by an explosion of gas in a mine shaft at Jessup near this city. Three men will die. All are foreigners.

Testimony of a Minister.

Rev. Joo. S. Cox, of Wake, Ark., writes, "For 12 years I suffered from Yellow Jaundice. I consulted a number of physicians and tried all kinds of medicines, but got no relief. Then I began the use of Electric Bitters and feel that I am now cured of a disease that hed me in its grasp for twelve years." If you want a reliable medicine for Liver and Kidney trouble, stomach disorder or general debility, get Electric Bitters. It's guaranteed by J. F. W. DeLorme, price only 50 cents.

St. Louis, Mo., Sept. 10.—A sack containing one thousand half dollar pieces just removed from the New Stiles, was stolen from the Lindell avenue entrance to the Fair last evening. A clue to the thieves has been found.

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- Lot 45—Two lots corner Calhoun and Harvin Streets, 70x218. Prices: Corner lot \$600, adjoining lot \$500.
- Lot 36—Seven-room house and lot 66x170 on Sumter Street. \$3,000.
- Lot 29—Three lots 80x275 on Purdy Ave., nice shade trees. Cash \$300.
- Lot 22—Five lots on Calhoun Street, 80x210. \$500.
- Lot 14—House and lot 82x250, corner Hampton Ave. and Sumter St. \$2,250.
- Lot 4—House and lot, 75x300, on Church Street. \$1,650.

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" *57	Gibson to Sumter	"	9 20 am
" 52	Charleston to Columbia and Greenville	Leaves	9 21 am
" 46	Orangeburg to Charleston (Tues'd'y, Thurs'd'y, Satur'd'y)	"	9 25 am
" 53	Greenville and Columbia to Charleston	"	6 20 pm
" 32	Angusta to Florence	"	6 30 pm
" *56	Sumter to Gibson	"	6 50 pm
" 47	Charleston to Orangeburg (Tues'd'y, Thurs'd'y, Satur'd'y)	"	8 15 pm
" 55	Wilmington to Columbia	"	9 25 pm

Freight Trains carrying Passengers.

Train *24	Sumter to Hartsville	Leaves	6 30 am
" * 1	Bishopville to Sumter	Arrives	9 00 am
" * 2	Sumter to Bishopville	Leaves	9 50 am
" *19	Sumter to Robbins	Leaves	10 00 am
" *11	Florence to Sumter	Arrives	1 50 pm
" *12	Sumter to Florence	Leaves	2 50 pm
" *20	Robbins to Sumter	Arrives	7 30 pm
" *25	Hartsville to Sumter	Arrives	7 40 pm

Northwestern Railway.

Train *70	Camden to Sumter	Arrives	9 00 am
" *71	Sumter to Camden	Leaves	9 36 am
" *68	Camden to Sumter	"	5 45 pm
" *72	Wilson Mill to Sumter	Arrives	12 30 pm
" *73	Sumter to Wilson Mill	Leaves	3 00 pm
" *69	Sumter to Camden	"	6 25 pm

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