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## Our West Virginia Kingdom.

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The United States census of 1890 shows our strength in West Virginia to be \$225 members, and church property valued at \$802,153. This in valuation of property is twentieth in rank, only nineteen States surpassing her, and in membership thirteenth! Doubtless this will surprise many of our readers, who have been accustomed to regard our footing in that State as hardly stronger than in the regions further South. Massachusetts has not twice as many Methodists; Nebraska has fewer; Maine has less than half as many; New Hampshire one-quarter.

In loyalty to country and Church our members there are unsurpassed. They love the Church and all its institutions. They seldom see a bishop, and should one stray into their mountain fastnesses they would be inclined to pay him divine honors. Their piety is fervent; their manners simple; their hospitality genuine.

Their preachers are, as a rule, rugged growths, physically and intellectually. They front toward the college. Among them are scholars of authority. Most of them are earnest students, growing men. They thrive well when transplanted. Some of the best pulpits in our Church are shaded by lofty West Virginians.

After while nurse-eyes in Eastern and Northern States will try to work up a trade for their pulpit growths. The fierce soul of West Virginia Methodism will be attractive in its fertility. Wait until projected roads are built, and its limitless water-power is utilized in developing and preparing for the world's markets the resources of its mountains, and then West Virginia will be envied, but unweaned by the envy of the Old Dominion, whose colonial and royalistic traditions she will wrap as a filmy mythology behind her about the head of her loftiest Olympian mountain. When that day comes, it will be as hard for an outsider to get into the West Virginia Conference as it now is for our treasure entrance into the Baltimore.

Such summer retreats as West Virginia offers! She gives sweltering Ohio and Pennsylvania her breezy mountain-shobler as a hint of grateful shades and crystal streams and thrice-blessed rest.

Sitting on the veranda of the Mountain View House, in Belington—kept by Brother and Sister McCutcheon, whose simple formula for a satisfactory clerical cuisine is "three preachers and three chickens" looking over the beautiful Tygart Valley and the leafy and historic Rich Mountain and Laurel Hill, the problem of where Northern people should go to escape the torrid excesses of July and August seemed easy of solution. Get up into the high mountains!

There are said to be large tracts of country in Cuba still unexplored.  
A 60 pound boy hauled in a 50 pound catfish at Winfield, Kan., a few days ago.

There are 42,117,000 acres of uninclosed mountain and heather land in Great Britain.  
Under a new New York law you must be a citizen to get employment on public work done by contract.

A spaniel owned by Dr. Frederick A. Lyons of New York City has adopted a chicken which it cares for incessantly.  
Cornelle died in the most bitter poverty, unrelieved by many whom during his day of prosperity he had benefited.

There is an old French couple in New York neither of whom, after a residence of 40 years in America, can speak English.

## District Reports.

### Arnoldsburg Charge.

Work along various church lines is moving smoothly.

During the quarter there have been eleven Sunday Schools in operation. About 500 leaflets and as many cards have been ordered for these schools. The school at Hammond has been among the most progressive, attendance being very large, and interest good.

At Beech, Bro. W. P. Cottrell marches the forces on in good order.

At Walker, Sheriff Donney and family are pillars in Methodism. Also brother Thomas Downey and wife are useful members of our church.

At Mt Zion Brother Kelley and his noble wife stand as towers. They were among the first Methodist families in this section. Brother Umstead and his wife are among our best workers. The people at this point expect to have a new church.

At the Lower Sycamore Appointment, Brother D. P. Poling is at the pilot wheel with Brother Silas Poling as leader, and the church is progressing nicely.

At Upper Sycamore, Brother Wesley Poling has been pushing things. The same is true of Bruin by H. C. Lockney, Clay county's able prosecuting attorney, he and wife having joined our church last winter. Also Brother Stidd and wife, with others, are making the Lord's work a thing, their first business. This is a new class, organized last winter.

At Rush, Brothers Harless, Hall, Kirk, Keller, and others are pushing the light grandly.

At Lower Beech, this also being a newly organized class. The work is advancing. Brothers Smith, Stotes, and Young are holding high the banners. Brother Pautell and family also worship here.

At Hammond, where the tide has been running low for some time, we have better times. The church debt has been lifted, and with a great burden. We find, now, the people breathe easier and worship better, and Brother Conley and I say "Praise the Lord."

Brother C. E. Robinson is studying with an eye to a higher work. Push on brother. So Brethren, shoulders to the wheel, and let our motto be: Arnoldsburg charge for Christ.

H. K. REEF, Pastor.

### Charleston.

State Street M. E. Church. The outlook for Episcopal Methodism in Charleston is hopeful and encouraging. Since the last annual Conference fifty-three persons have united with State Street church. The probationers, with scarcely an exception, thus far have run well; and all expect to be received into full connection within a few weeks. Of the fifty-three new members, twenty-one have been received since the "Five meetings"; the remaining thirty-two are the result of special services held by the pastor, who was ably assisted by Brother Moloney.

The Sunday School of this church never was in better condition. It is doing a grand work. The Infant or Children's Department, under the able management of Bro. W. C. B. Moore, is worthy of special mention. It is full to overflowing at times, and the little ones are being well instructed in Holy Writ. Bro. L. M. Haines, the Superintendent, looks well after the interest and welfare of the entire school. The attendance, since the extreme warm weather has fallen off just a little, but during the winter and spring was all that could be desired; upon several occasions there were over three hundred present. The school is well organized, and a better corps of officers and teachers never have had charge. The amount contributed for missions by the school this year is over one hundred and twenty dollars.

The apportionment for missions to this church for this year, which is more than for several years by over fifty dollars, has been paid in full.

The other collections will be looked after soon.

The Epworth League, which has been named the Jackson Ritter chapter, in honor of the Church's late faithful class leader of nearly half a century, is still one of the best in the Conference, doing a grand work in holding the young people true to the Church, and building them up in spiritual life. Since its organization this League has raised over seven hundred dollars for Church work, besides what its members have given individually for the support of the ministry and benevolent enterprises of the Church.

One of the most important departments of the work of this Church is the Young Men's Class meeting, which meets every Tuesday evening, in the parlour of their faithful leader Mrs. M. R. McGuigan. She is doing good work in training the young men, already in the Church, in religious life; and also in preparing others by careful instruction and training for full membership.

Brother Deck's class is also doing much to keep spiritual life and power among us; and is a great means of grace to those who are found in their accustomed places every Sabbath morning.

We are expecting, of course, to entertain the next annual Conference. There will be no lack of hospitality on the part of State Street Church, and people of Charleston in general.

S. J. COTTON.

### Charleston Circuit.

Charleston Circuit has seven appointments, with a membership of about 325, including probationers. These appointments are met by the pastor every three weeks. There are other places in the surroundings of this charge that would like to have Methodist preaching. While some of the good loyal people would like to have more preaching than can possibly be given under the present arrangement. They want preaching every two weeks, and doubtless the time is not far distant when such will be the plan for Charleston Circuit. While the territory is not so large as some of the circuits yet we find that one of the essentials to success here is pastoral visiting. The more the pastor can be with the people the better for the Church. There are five Sunday Schools, all using our own literature, and are well attended. However, one of the drawbacks here is, parents send their children to Sunday School instead of taking them. There are more of our church papers taken now than ever before which speaks well for Methodism. We are building a new church at Tupper's Creek Ridge, the lumber nearly all on the ground. A much needed church, which was fully demonstrated last winter, when we tried to hold a revival meeting in the school house. We expect to have a church at the above place before another winter. The people are comparatively poor, but the brethren have the grace and the grit to build a house for the Lord. *God bless them in the undertaking.* We have had a gradual growth, both in membership and spirituality during the years of the present pastorate. And our relationship with the brethren has been all that could be desired, with a little exception. A little storm sometimes only shakes us up and makes us take deeper root. The two months of the Conference year yet remaining will be full of work in reviving class books and receiving probationers into full connection. Praise the Lord for the prosperity of Zion on Charleston Circuit.

J. J. WHITE.

### Clendennin.

The Quarterly meeting recently held still lives in the minds of the people. Bro. Alley did excellent service, impressing favorably the people of Clendennin.

The work of the charge, in a general way, is prosperous. We have four Sunday Schools within the bounds of the Circuit, under headway and doing good work. The

prayer and class meetings are very interesting and profitable. The brethren are, in a measure, loyal to the Church, and on the whole, all things are doing well, excepting, perhaps, the finance department, and we are not exempt from the depression so generally felt in this direction.

Yours fraternally,  
W. T. McCUTCHEON.

### Clifton and Mason.

The dedication of the Mason Hall was a occasion of unusual interest. Many pleasures were participated in, among the rest, a big dinner and some fine speaking. We had the pleasure of preaching to the Odd Fellows on their day at Mason City.

That powerful factor in Church work "The Epworth League" is pushing along nicely and still adds new members. In consequence of the strike at Camden, the organizing of a Sunday School at that place has been, for the present, postponed.

Mrs. E. E. Hanna with little Maud and Miss Annie Tucker are in Delaware Ohio being called there by the illness of Mrs. Hanna's mother.

The people here are still talking Camp meeting for Mason City. We think the wisest thing possible for the West Virginia Conference to do is to locate its Camp grounds here.

E. D. MANNA, Pastor.

### Cottageville.

Cottageville, for which the Charge is named, is situated 8 miles below Ripley on Mill Creek and 3 miles from the Ohio River. The Charge extends along the river about 8 miles from below Ravenswood to Millwood and back from the river 4 miles at the farthest point and is composed of 6 classes and 7 preaching places. Our excellent new parsonage, built in 1893, worth \$800, is at Cottageville and the farthest appointment is about 6 miles from this place.

There are two church houses, 178 members in full connection and 73 probationers.

There are 6 Sunday Schools with about 230 scholars. Two Epworth League Chapters, one at Cottageville and the other at Pleasant View with a membership of 118. There have been 73 conversions and 63 accessions this annual Conference year.

The revival fire is still burning at some of the appointments. The prayer and class meetings are fairly well attended and our people all over the Charge are earnestly seeking higher spiritual attainments. The District paper will be a welcome visitor to the homes of this Charge.

A. A. KELLY, Pastor.

### Danville.

Danville Circuit is composed of four appointments on the Kanawha River between Charleston and Malden and numbers a membership of one hundred and eighty five. Our appointments are so arranged that one, Danville, gets preaching twice every other Sunday, the other three are all filled in one day, so that we get around twice a month.

We have held five revivals on this Charge this year, with 62 conversions and 47 accessions. We have four Sunday schools, with a membership of 250 scholars. We have two fairly good churches. One local preacher and two exhorters, who aid considerably in the work. We have 31 subscribers to the "ADVOCATE."

S. J. MILLER, P. C.

### East Charleston.

East Charleston Circuit, composed of 10 appointments is not behind in aggressiveness. The year has been trying in many ways. Many have been called to their reward from our midst, and while we deplore their loss, the consciousness of their gain is joy to us.

Permit me to say to the old pastors and others who are acquainted with the East Charleston Charge and are interested in the aggressiveness that we dedicated a beautiful church to Almighty God at Valley Grove on

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CHARLESTON.

No. 1. Leaves 7:30 a. m. Arrives 10:45 a. m.  
No. 3 " 2:00 p. m. " 5:40 p. m.

CLENDENNIN.

No. 1. Arrives 9:30 a. m. Leaves 9:30 a. m.  
No. 3. " 3:38 p. m. " 4:00 p. m.

June 24th. The House cost us \$1,000, and what has not been paid was fully provided for.

Our Presiding Elder, Rev. C. B. Graham, preached the dedicatory sermon with his usual zeal and life. A chart, containing so many squares indicating amount of indebtedness was hung against the wall back of the pulpit. These squares were all marked out in about thirty minutes. Ample justice was done the good things provided for lunch temptingly set out in the shade, and we were prepared to hear Rev. H. Scott to our souls' health. Many of the old members waited for the celebration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, and much real joy of heart was experienced. The number of communicants was large. Revs. J. J. White, H. Scott, and the pastor assisted the Elder at the dedicatory services.

I feel to congratulate you in your enterprise, and wish our paper unbounded success in doing good all over the District.

J. S. JENKINS.

## Elk City.

We heartily welcome the advent of a local paper to our District, believing an intercourse, such as will be possible through this medium will prove a grand incentive to pastor and people to further effort and success, being always kept in mind of the fact that we are not alone in the battle, but rather that the army of King Emmanuel is extensive in its following and far-reaching in its efforts to bring glory to His name. The CHARLESTON ADVOCATE will be a welcome visitor to our homes.

On Elk City Charge there are two appointments, Elk City and Glenwood; two Sunday Schools; two class meetings; Sunday services regularly at both places, and week days, Wednesdays and Thursdays, respectively. We are within easy reach of Charleston, have a flourishing little town and a sociable and kind people. There is large promise, with a little enterprise of successful work in the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom and consequently our loved Church. The people are not desirous so

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