

We Desire to Honor God by Doing Good to Man.

**District Directory.**

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CHARLESTON DIST. APPOINTMENTS.

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| January  | 5-6   | Danaville.              |
| "        | 6-7   | Malden.                 |
| "        | 12-13 | Charleston Cr. Fairview |
| "        | 13-14 | State Street.           |
| "        | 19-20 | Walton, Liberty church  |
| "        | 19-20 | Ripley, St. Paul        |
| "        | 24-27 | Reedy, Mt. Lebanon      |
| "        | 24-27 | Noble, Little Sandy     |
| February | 2-3   | Arnoldsburg, U. Beach   |
| "        | 2-3   | Spencer, Slate church   |
| "        | 9-10  | Fisher's, White Pine    |
| "        | 9-10  | Raymond                 |
| "        | 17-18 | Pt. Pleasant, Trinity   |
| "        | 23-24 | Leon, Eddy              |
| March    | 2-3   | New Haven               |
| "        | 3-4   | Clifton.                |
| "        | 9-10  | E. Charleston Mt Tabor  |
| "        | 10-12 | Elk City, Glenwood      |
| "        | 16-17 | Cottageville            |
| "        | 17-18 | Revenswood.             |
| "        | 23-24 | Clendennin              |

**A NEIGHBOR.**

The December number of the Charleston Advocate is on my desk and many good things might be said of it. It has a splendid list of field notes by the editor, who is planing wisely for his paper, and for Methodism in his district.

This number of the Advocate contains reports from thirteen out of the twenty-one pastors of the district: Of course such a paper is interesting to the people of the district.

I would advise all the pastors and official members of the New River District to subscribe for the Charleston Advocate. IT IS A MONTHLY, PRICE 30 CENTS A YEAR.

I will venture to say, that if any one wants to see a sample, with a view to subscribe for the paper and will order the same of the editor, Rev. C. B. Graham, Charleston, W. Va., he will send the sample to you free.—*The Messenger.*

Thanks Bro. Yes I will send all the samples needed.

**"THAT THEY MAY BE ONE."**

The Evangelical Alliance has done much toward the answer of the above, which is from the Savior's prayer for the unity of his people. The United States, Great Brittain, Canada, New Brunswick, France, Belgium, Switzerland, Germany, The Netherlands, Denmark, Spain, Turkey, Greece, Syria, South Africa, Japan, China, New South Wales, observe the week of prayer in some form through the efforts of this organization. This union of Christians petitioning the Heavenly Father at the same time upon the same subjects has an influence for good beyond mathematical calculation. The rule of some churches following the week of prayer by special services is good, but its better to have every week a prayer week and all meetings special meetings.

**TO THE PASTORS.**

DEAR BRETHREN: The first quarter of our conference year is gone. Let us take soundings a little to see how we are sailing. You are called of God to the high and holy office of the ministry; you have accepted this call and declared your faith and purposes. The church has recognized you and affixed her seal upon you, and has sent you out as a shepherd of souls. As these souls dwell in earthly temples you are charged with the responsibility of looking carefully and faithfully after all the interests pertaining to the dual nature of those you are sent to serve. "The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him."

The pastorate is a place of active and delightful service as long as you abide in the vine. There is no successful service without system, Methodism, we call it. Remember among the many comforts of modern improvements, your first rule "Be diligent." Nor forget thou not the preachers motto, "Holiness to the Lord."

You doubtless complied with the discipline in reading the General Rules to the church. When did you read the rules for the preacher's conduct and qualification (page 75 to 87)? Read and pray over them, brethren in the beginning of the second quarter. Did you read the rules for "pastors" (page 104-108) last quarter? If so how did you comply with those rules? Notice many duties are for the quarter not by the year.

The pastor whose aim is to run the church by the year will have unsettled store accounts, unpaid subscriptions to the church periodicals. He will ask for "more time" on his book account, and his benevolent collections will never be "in full." "Brethren, plan your work by the year, work your plan by the day and make your trial balance over quarter, then will all departments of the church flourish. We give a part of a paragraph from the Discipline. (page 85) which will benefit all of our readers.

"O let us herein follow the example of St. Paul!

1. For our general business: *Serving the Lord with all humility of mind.*
2. Our special work, *Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock.*
3. Our doctrine, *Repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord, Jesus Christ.*
4. The place,

*I have taught you publicly and from house to house.* 5. The object and manner of teaching. *I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears.* 6. His innocence and self denial herein. *I have coveted no man's silver or gold.* 7. His patience, *Neither count I my life dear unto myself.*

**NO STATE BALL:**

The subject of the usual capitol ball has been presented to the public. We shall not speak of the right or wrong of dancing. Ages ago the church condemned the public dance and time has not altered that decree. But what impresses us as improper and inconsistent is the "State Ball." We are living under a Christian government both national and state. In the convention to form the Union there arose local or state interests which prevented it; when no argument could be reached Bennie Franklin moved that the convention adjourn to meet in the afternoon and that the first hour be spent in prayer. Upon that hour of prayer our nation stands. When the population of Jamestown, Va., was reduced by famine from 500 to 60 within a few weeks; it was Christianity pure and simple which saved it. If then this is a Christian state, why should the state's name be connected with that which an overwhelming majority of Christians condemn. "To honor the Legislature." What part of it? Most assuredly a majority of it would not regard it an honor to them. Let all public honors be extended to the legislature in the true character they represent and in a way that the majority of those who elected them would approve. Charleston is a city of churches and there is a welcome in all of them to our lawmakers. Here, they by counsel and association will be strengthened for the performance of the responsible duties for which they were elected. To those who prefer the dancing hall, opera and other places of worldly amusement they can be accommodated, but not by the "State."

**RENEW YOUR ADVOCATES.**

Brethren don't fail to renew every one of your weekly Advocates they will be doing good often while you are sleeping. The Pittsburg is our Conference organ and stands first among them.

**District Field Notes.**

Dec. 1.—On board the K. & M., 12:10, p. m. train enroute for Hartford and Mason quarterly meetings. A call at Pt. Pleasant parsonage gave us an insight to the successful work of the church at that place which is of a character that will "abide." We were nicely entertained by Guy and Ira Correll. Rev. Hanna officiated for us at the Q. M. here agreeably to all. A change of railroad schedule made us late at Hartford; Rev. Hanna preached and had a good season of worship. Sunday: An examination of the working of the S. S., an address delivered to it; a Christmas tree was provided for. Public preaching followed by an excellent Communion. In the afternoon there was a glorious love-feast. We spent the time between meetings in visiting the sick. Sorry to find one of Bro. John Baxter's daughters quite ill. Mrs. Thomas was confined to her bed by being thrown from her buggy, but we are glad to say that she was not seriously injured. A pleasant call on Miss Harpold revealed the fact that though she was not hopeful of recovering, she was not looking to the future with fears. Here we met Mrs. Newton, who was one of our staunch friends to the pastorate of other days. Our young friend, Charlie Thomas furnished the horse and buggy and Bro. A. J. Sayer brought us to Clifton \*\*\* and back to Mason City where we had a fine audience and an excellent meeting. The Campmeeting interests were so high that we had to make great allowance for many things said and done at the quarterly meeting. The fact is that nearly every conversation of the citizens had camp-meeting in it somewhere. Monday: Rev. W. C. L. Correll preached to the comfort of the people, after which we held the Q. C. Four of the camp-meeting committee arrived on the evening (west) train and were homed at Bro. Ruttencutters, which was camp-meeting headquarters, and it is due to say that there was nothing lacking to make every one comfortable who partook of their bountiful and excellent preparation. Indeed this was the testimony of every one about all the citizens who entertained. Tuesday was a lively day on account of the meeting of the Camp-meeting Board of Trustees and the business in article on this subject. Wednesday: Groups of young and old could be seen in the stores and on the streets corners and in almost all directions discussing and prophesying. In the evening as the words "we've lost" or "it was not located" ran from group to group; sadness was seen pictured in many countenances, not so much as missing the thoughtless boy. The public services and Dr. Riker's sermon did much toward lifting those present above their disappointment. Thursday Bro. Riker, Mich and Moore took the early train north while we go south, which completed the departure of the trustees. Rev. J. M. Grose joins at Clifton. We stop over at Pt. Pleasant and enjoy, with the pastor, the hospitalities of Bro. D. S. Snyder. Taking the 1:20 K.