

Bridgman is executive secretary. The headquarters will be in the Y. M. C. A. building.

Gastonia: Appropriate Christmas exercises, consisting of songs, recitations, etc., were held in the various mission Sunday-schools of our church, and treats were distributed among the children. At the central school an offering was made for others. The men's Bible class surprised the teacher of the class, Rev. J. H. Henderlite, by a handsome gift of a five-passenger Chevrolet car. This class is doing much good work, and has made several donations recently to benevolent causes.

Rev. W. J. Roach has accepted the call of the Loray church of Gastonia, and arrangements will be made at an early date for his installation.

Rev. J. E. Berryhill has accepted work as pastor of the King's Mountain, Long Creek and Bessemer City churches, and is located at King's Mountain.

Rev. Thomas H. Watkins, the newly elected superintendent of Home Missions and evangelist of King's Mountain Presbytery, is holding a meeting at Olney church, assisting the pastor, Rev. G. A. Sparrow.

Wilson: Rev. J. B. Massey, recently called to the pastorate of this church, began his work here on the first Sabbath in January. He and his family have received a most cordial welcome. The manse has undergone extensive repairs, a new heating plant has been installed in the church, and a number of other things have been done to add to the church's equipment. Best of all, the new pastor finds an earnest, liberal and active people, eager to press forward. The outlook is one of great promise.

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Wilmington: On Sunday, January 9th, the First church had the pleasure of hearing Rev. T. H. Gaines, D. D., in the morning and Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., at the evening service. The congregation enjoyed very much the fine sermons preached by the servants of the Master.

At Winter Park church, Rev. O. G. Jones has been conducting a meeting which has awakened much interest among the people. Three members have been received into the church.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Columbia: Rev. W. H. Mills has just completed the delivery of five lectures before Columbia Seminary on "The Country Church." These lectures have been informing, inspiring and thoroughly educational in their effect. Mr. Mills has done fundamental work in investigating the best methods of meeting the needs of the community life in the rural church of to-day.

His work shows that he deserves the rank of a specialist in this field and there is no wonder that the extension department of Clemson College, in connection with the Bureau of Agriculture of the United States, is seeking his services for all of his time. It is the purpose of Columbia Seminary to emphasize the preparation of ministers for service in the ministry in the country church.

Further lectures in this direction will be given by Dr. Murchison and Mr. W. W. Long, who is the State Extension agent of the Agricultural College of South Carolina.

The lectures commanded the eager interest of the students and faculty and were generally regarded as strong and able and inspiring discussions of a most important theme.

Charleston: Westminster church has called Rev. Donald McQueen, D. D., of Shelbyville, Tenn., and it is reported that he will accept the call. Nashville Presbytery will soon meet to consider the matter.

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Florence: Quarterly communion

was observed on the first Sunday of January. During the past quarter twenty-two were received, six of these on profession of faith. Three of these professing faith were mature men, and two of the three heads of families.

Walhalla and Bethel: The Rev. W. H. Hamilton, of Ninety-Six, has been unanimously elected pastor of these churches. Walhalla calls for all his time, with the exception of two Sabbath afternoons, and the fifth Sabbath, which will be given to Bethel, one of our oldest country churches, about six miles from Walhalla. This is the field formerly served by the Rev. George M. Wilcox, now of Bennettsville, and is left in fine condition for his successor.

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TENNESSEE.

Westminster: Mr. Creighton C. Edmondson, who has made the highest average at S. P. U. this year, and Mr. Robert Price Richardson, grandson of two honored ministers, recently led prayer meetings at Westminster church and were heard gladly. This church is making a strenuous effort to pay off a debt of \$19,000. The membership, under the leadership of the pastor, Rev. C. W. Sommerville, has taken hold of the matter in earnest and it is hoped that the debt will soon be greatly reduced.

Knoxville, Fifth Avenue church: Rev. LeRoy S. Henderson, D. D., pastor. Sabbath, January 2nd, was New Year's communion, and the attendance was large and inspiring. Four new members were received, which, together with the fifty additions received since April 1st, make the largest number ever received during the first nine months of the Church year. At the same service the official board was increased by the installation of Professor S. S. Myers, Messrs. J. A. Millard, J. E. Fairchild, A. G. Bablay and F. S. Dunlap as ruling elders, and Messrs. A. R. Cullen, J. A. Wallace, W. W. Baird and C. A. Snodgrass as deacons. All of these were also ordained at the same time, except the first two, who were formerly elders in the First churches, Tiffin, O., and Bristol, Tenn.

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Nashville, First Church: Dr. Vance welcomed thirty new members at the communion service on Sunday morning, January 9th. It was one of the most largely attended communion services in the history of the church. The Gleaners of the First church will open their new Settlement House February 1st. The building is a memorial to Miss Martha O'Bryan, who was for many years one of the most active workers in the First church. The head worker secured for the Settlement House is Miss Evelyn Carrington, who has had special training in such work, and who is regarded as admirably qualified for the position. During the past year the Free Clinic in connection with the Settlement House has treated nearly two thousand patients. The Presbyterian churches of Nashville are to hold simultaneous evangelistic meetings, beginning January 16th. Most of the pastors will do their own preaching.

Franklin church observed the first week in January as a Week of Prayer. Despite the inclement weather, many gathered each night for prayer and conference. The great work of the church was ably presented by Revs. W. C. Alexander, A. S. Allen, John I. Armstrong, C. C. McNeill and Mr. Edwin F. Willis, treasurer of our Foreign Mission Committee.

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Appalachia: Rev. Frank D. Hunt has entered upon his work as evangelist of the new Synod of Appalachia. He is open for engagements to conduct meetings in the bounds of the Synod. Pastors and churches desiring his services will please communicate

promptly with Dr. C. C. Carson, chairman, Bristol, Tenn.

Charles C. Carson.

Southwestern Presbyterian University: A welcome visitor to the university the past week was Rev. Harry W. Myers, D. D., of the Kobe Theological Seminary, Japan. The university has derived much benefit from the speakers at the Bible Institute in the Baptist church of Clarksville. Among the speakers was Dr. Sampey, of the Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville.

The January Palmer Day exercises consisted of a paper by Mr. C. U. Leach on the "Original State of Man." Then two speeches by Messrs. J. C. Rhodes and T. T. Williams. Mr. H. B. Wade presented the current religious news.

A meeting of the board of directors of the university was called to convene in Memphis on the 18th instant.

Hickory Withe: This church began its New Year's services on January 9th by ordaining and installing the three newly-elected officers, Messrs. S. H. Whitworth, I. R. Sheeroid and San Barron, Jr., to the office of deacon. The pastor's appropriate theme, "Walking With Christ," was an exhortation to all the members of the church but especially those just elected to a new walk to a closer and more eminent walk with Christ. Four were received into the church—one by letter and three on profession, making nine that have united with the church since our present pastor, O. W. Wardlaw, came to us last July.

W. O. W.

Memphis, Alabama Street Church: Rev. T. M. Lowmy, D. D., pastor of this church, recently announced the reception of eight new members into the church. The deacons report the past year as one of the best financially they have ever had.

TEXAS.

Taylor: The Mexican church had a glad and profitable Christmas season. The Christmas entertainment was a success in every way; the attendance was greater than our house could hold; the children acquitted themselves well, and thanks to our many kind friends, we had an abundance of candy and fruit, and there were over eighty gifts given out. The church made the evangelist a present of a beautiful Bible, which he greatly appreciates. The gratitude of the people toward their evangelist was largely and tangibly shown this Christmas. At the "watch service" the membership undertook to do some special work during the year, which, if it is carried out, will greatly advance the work of the church. We confidently look for our new chapel before the end of this year.

I wish to acknowledge most gratefully the clothing and money gifts sent to me for the Mexicans from many kind friends. In response to my appeal there were sent me nine barrels, nine packages, eight boxes and five sacks of clothing, toys and other gifts. Besides, a good friend of Waco, Texas, sent fifteen splendid new sweaters, and a Taylor friend gave a thirty-pound pall of fine mixed candy. The First church of Taylor gave two large Christmas trees. In money I received \$59.50. Of this \$10.00 was sent to the Committee of Home Missions of the Presbytery, \$5.00 was taken to help to pay for an organ, \$3.00 for Sunday-school literature for the branch missions, \$9.00 for local work and only \$32.50 was used for the Christmas work. These gifts have all been acknowledged by letter, excepting a sack which came from Houston, Texas, from unknown donors. Of these things there were sent out, by mail and express, to different places, three barrels, five sacks, four boxes and fourteen packages. We thank all our

friends most heartily for their labor and their gifts.

Walter S. Scott.

Hillsboro: The Sunday-school sent a Thanksgiving offering of \$4.72 to the Orphans' Home at Filer Valley, and at Christmas the Westminster League sent the children of the Home a barrel of toys. The league also gathered and packed a barrel of good second hand clothing and sent it at Christmas to Rev. Walter S. Scott at Taylor for the Mexicans. At Christmas the Sunday-school made use of the most excellent exercises gotten out by Dr. Sweets along with a Christmas tree for the younger members of the school. An offering of \$2.99 was made for the Committee at Louisville. At Thanksgiving time the good women of the church surprised the pastor's wife with the gift of a handsome cloak, and at Christmas these loyal church people gave the pastor's family a most generous pounding, while the elders and deacons presented the pastor with an excellent Oxford Bible. Such sweet remembrances bind the pastor's home more tenderly around the flock. The quarterly communion service was observed the first Sunday in January, and the pastor announced the names of eight persons who had been received by certificate during the past quarter. The church officers are making diligent efforts to secure the money for the \$1,000 payment due on the church debt January 17th.

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WEST VIRGINIA.

Huntington, First: The Week of Prayer was observed in this church with services every night except Saturday. The subjects suggested by the Confederation of Churches in America were followed in a general way. The following ministers assisted in the preaching: Rev. J. B. Waller, of Kenova, W. Va.; Rev. J. H. Viser, of the Second church, Huntington, and Rev. R. L. Kinnaird, of Catlettsburg, Ky. The services closed with communion on Sunday, the ninth instant, when the pastor announced the names of twenty-one new members who had been received in the last three months. One middle-aged man came from the Roman Catholic Church. The average annual addition to this church during the last twenty-two years, when the pastorate of Dr. Newton Donaldson began, has been seventy-one. Fifty-two have been added since April 1st. Nearly half of the total number have been received on examination.

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CHANGE OF ADDRESS.

Rev. Charles D. Holland, from Seneca, S. C., to Culpeper, Va.

Rev. J. W. Hickman, from Craigsville, Va., to 809 Cotton Avenue, Birmingham, Ala.

Rev. W. M. Thompson, from Garanhuns, Brazil, to 60 Washington Street, Lexington, Va.

PERSONAL.

Rev. A. C. Bridgman, financial agent of Hampden-Sidney College, has been released temporarily from his work of raising the endowment for the college, in order that he may become the executive secretary of the Laymen's Missionary Convention to be held in Greensboro, N. C., February 9th-13th. He will return to his work in Virginia as soon as the convention is over.

CHINA.

The following interesting and encouraging letter has been received from Rev. Hugh W. White, of the Yencheng Mission Station in China:

"I am glad to say all are well at this station. Our work is developing faster than we can attend to it. At a

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