

white, and holding in her right hand a symbol of the torch to enlighten the world. One by one there appeared before her a representative of the different nations, to whom Columbia put the question: "Have you found Christ in America?" and the reply set forth the spiritual needs of these people. At the close a collection was taken up to help in securing a teacher out at House Mountain.

The pulpit was supplied morning and night on the 21st by Rev. Dr. J. R. Howerton, of Washington and Lee University, and he is expected to have charge of both services on the 28th likewise.

A. H.

## ARKANSAS.

**Arkadelphia:** The church here has been vacant for several months, but has kept up the prayer meeting and Sunday-school regularly. The Rev. Clyde Sheltman, of Missouri, recently visited the church and preached for a week with good congregations and splendid interest, and on Sunday, May 21st, a congregational meeting was held and a call was extended to Mr. Sheltman to become the pastor, and it is hoped that he will accept and move to Arkadelphia in the near future and begin the pastorate.

**Ebenezer:** This church has been vacant for a year and the outlook was rather discouraging. The Presbytery of Ouachita, at its last meeting, elected Rev. T. Abner Spooner pastor evangelist for one half his time and he visited Ebenezer and La Pile churches and preached two sermons at each place. A good, live Sunday-school was organized at Ebenezer with about 60 members and the outlook is much brighter. Mr. Spooner will watch over these churches till the fall meeting of Presbytery.

## FLORIDA.

**Oakland:** Rev. H. J. Mills, of Rowland, N. C., preached for us Sunday morning, May 21st., and Rev. J. W. Orr, of Steele Creek church, Charlotte, N. C., preached Sunday night. Each of them preached a forceful gospel sermon. Both were delegates to the Assembly at Orlando, Fla.

W. L. Latham,  
Minister.

**Quincy:** By permission of the session, Rev. Thornwell Jacobs, president of the new Oglethorpe College, told the Oglethorpe story. The church gave \$4,000.00 in good subscriptions, and the session elected D. A. Shaw, Earnest Quarterman, D. J. Blackwell and C. H. Curry as trustees.

**Mulberry:** Rev. Dr. J. S. Foster, of the First church, Birmingham, Ala., in attendance at the General Assembly at Orlando, came down to Mulberry to visit relatives, and preached two strong sermons on May 21st. The Presbyterian flock here is very small, without a building, and they were greatly delighted and strengthened by Dr. Foster's services. Saturday night he made a brief trip to Bartow to call on Rev. E. J. Young, his college-mate at the Southwestern Presbyterian University twenty-five years ago.

## GEORGIA.

**Macon Presbytery:** The preachers and elders who expect to attend the adjourned meeting of Macon Presbytery at 5 P. M. June 8th in the First Presbyterian church of Columbus are requested to send their names to Mr. Richard Howard, Columbus, Ga., as soon as practicable.

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**Columbus:** The reports to the Presbytery show that the First church gave last year about eight dollars per capita for congregational expenses, and a little more than ten dollars per capita for missions and other benevolent causes. Last Sabbath Dr. McElroy preached the baccalaureate sermon for

"Lorena Hall." He will preach the commencement sermon for Gordon Institute the first Sabbath in June, and the commencement sermon for the University of Georgia the third Sabbath in June.

**Phenix City:** This church has recently enjoyed a delightful series of services held by the Presbyterian evangelist, Rev. L. W. Curtis, of Macon, assisted by the supply, Candidate W. B. Clemmons.

**Holt Chapel:** This is a mission church, under the care of the First Presbyterian church of Columbus, and is located in East Highlands, a suburb of Columbus. Rev. I. S. McElroy, D. D., pastor of the First church, preached for us on Thursday evening, the Lord's Supper was celebrated and two members received into the church. Candidate Clemmons has charge of this work.

## KENTUCKY.

**Big Spring:** The 122d annual May communion service was held at Big Spring church, near Bloomfield, Sabbath morning, May 21st, and was attended by the largest crowd in many years. Preparatory services were held the day before with preaching in the morning and afternoon. An elegant dinner was served on the ground Saturday. The weather was ideal and many persons from adjoining counties were present on both days.

The communion service was unusually impressive. The vessels used formerly belonged to the Southern Presbyterian church, of Princeton, Ky., the church in which the pastor, Rev. S. B. Landis, was reared. That church has since been dissolved by Paducah Presbytery and the few surviving members recently concluded to send their communion set to Mr. Lander, who is at present moderator of Louisville Presbytery, that he might present it to some congregation in need of it. Before administering the communion Mr. Lander referred feelingly to the set to be used. He said he had been baptized from the font and had first received the Holy Supper from one of the plates and one of the cups.

Rev. L. O. Spencer, the pastor of the Princeton church, but now pastor at Elizabethtown, Ky., had baptized him and also administered his first communion, while the speaker's father, for many years an elder in that church, had passed the elements to him. Continuing he said, that when he himself became an elder there at the early age of twenty-one, these were the vessels he had first passed to the people, and ever since his ordination to the ministry he had coveted the honor and pleasure of administering the Lord's Supper with this communion service. Now that this fervent desire had been gratified he would carry out the expressed wishes of his Princeton friends and seek to place it where it seemed most needed. It was a very helpful, as well as impressive service, and the memory of it will abide with the vast crowd present.

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## MARYLAND.

**Springfield and Harmony:** A committee of Potomac Presbytery installed Rev. W. H. Muirhead pastor of Springfield and Harmony Presbyterian churches, located at Sykesville and Lisbon, Md., respectively, on Sunday, May 21st.

Rev. W. J. McMillan, D. D., presided, preached the sermon at both places, and charged the pastor at Sykesville. Rev. Parke P. Flournoy, D. D., charged the people at Sykesville and the pastor and people at Harmony.

Elder Henry N. Price, the other

member of the committee, served as secretary.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

**Durham:** Sunday, May 14th, was a great day for the congregation of the First church. It was the occasion of the dedication of the worship of God of their splendid new church building.

The first services in the new building were held April 16th, on which day four persons came forward in response to the appeal of the pastor to signify their acceptance of Christ as their Saviour, and to dedicate themselves to his service. Dr. Melton Clark, of Greensboro, N. C., came to us on Monday, April 17th, and preached for us twice a day for a week. On the closing day of these meetings twenty-six persons were received into the church. Thus, even before the building was formally dedicated, God put the seal of His blessing upon it by making it the birthplace of souls into His kingdom.

The services of dedication were simple, but very impressive. The building was presented to the congregation by Mr. George W. Watts, chairman of the Building Committee, in a few well chosen words. Especially appropriate and touching were his remarks in presenting the beautiful new organ, which he has given as a memorial of his sainted wife. Dr. Leyburn, the pastor, accepted the church and organ in behalf of the congregation. Mr. I. F. Hill, chairman of the Finance Committee, made a brief report, showing that the subscriptions are sufficient, when fully paid, to cover the cost of the building, which, with the new manse, amounted to \$84,000.

Dr. L. B. Turnbull, who for seven years was the beloved pastor of this congregation, was not able to be present, but sent an affectionate letter of greeting, which was greatly appreciated. The prayer of dedication was offered by the pastor and the sermon was preached by Dr. W. W. Moore, president of Union Theological Seminary, from Isaiah 9:7, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end."

The First church was organized December 31, 1871, by a committee of Orange Presbytery, composed of Revs. A. G. Hughes, T. U. Faucette, and C. N. Morrow. The pulpit was supplied once a month by Dr. Drury Lacy, then pastor at Raleigh, for the first two years of its history, then for two years more by Rev. P. H. Dalton. Rev. J. H. Fitzgerald succeeded him, coming down from Hillsboro once a month and later twice a month, to preach for the Durham congregation. The first resident pastor of this church was Rev. H. T. Darnall, who was installed October 10, 1880, and continued the successful and beloved pastor for thirteen years. He was succeeded in 1894 by Dr. L. B. Turnbull, who labored here most successfully until compelled on account of his health to give up his work in 1901. The present pastor, Rev. E. R. Leyburn, began his labors in Durham in February, 1902, a little over fourteen years ago.

During the forty-four years of its life, this church has had a rather remarkable growth? It has, in this short period, set off three colonies, which now have a combined membership of over 350, while the mother church still has over five hundred resident members.

With profound gratitude to God for his goodness to us and for all His blessings upon us, we enter upon this new period of our history, which we trust, by God's grace, may be one of still larger development and more rapid progress.

The Pastor.

## NEW MEXICO.

**Roswell:** Candidate Lawrence W. Harvison, of Junction City, and a graduate of the Austin Seminary, has received and accepted a call to the pastorate of the Southern Presbyterian church at Roswell, New Mexico, and will begin work there within the next few weeks.

## MISSISSIPPI.

**West Point:** The first week of May Dr. W. H. Miley, superintendent of evangelism, began a series of meetings for the Presbyterians of West Point. The services were held in the commodious building of the U. S. A. congregation. The house was filled for every evening service and splendid day congregations came to hear this great man of God. The people of the town were much benefitted as well as our own people, being earnestly aroused. The card system was used and quite a number signed to unite with the different churches.

**Sardis:** Rev. John Goff, of West Point, assisted our pastor, Rev. J. Marion Stafford, in a ten days meeting at this place, which resulted in ten accessories to our church, while a very large number of people reconsecrated themselves to the service of the Lord. It was one of those meetings which, while it was held in a Presbyterian church, yet all denominations took part in it and were all greatly blessed. The entire town felt the spiritual uplift.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Chester:** May the 8th was an interesting day for Purity church. It was the fifth anniversary of Dr. A. D. P. Gilmour's pastorate here, and the regular date for the quarterly meeting of the Brotherhood. The anniversary was most impressively celebrated, an unusually large number of the members and constituents being in attendance. Dr. Gilmour read a carefully prepared statement, showing the phenomenal growth of the church during the half decade: Membership by profession of faith, 45; membership by letter, 153; total additions, 198; net increase in number of members, 63; there are now 444 resident members and 62 non-resident members; annual contributions to Foreign Missions, 1912, \$1,053; 1913, \$1,912; 1914, \$1,753; 1915, \$1,728; 1916, \$1,952; average per year, \$1,679; total annual contributions, 1912, \$7,494; 1913, \$7,828; 1914, \$9,842; 1915, \$8,597; 1916, \$9,271; total for five years, \$43,032; average per year, \$8,606. In 1911 total contributions were only \$4,694.

Besides this, \$20,170 has been subscribed for a new and modern Sunday-school room, \$14,000 having been paid in, the balance being due October 15, 1916. Work on this building has just been begun.

Owing to a slight indisposition of a minor nature on the part of Dr. Gilmour, the sermon of the occasion was delivered by Rev. Frank Sims, D. D., of Dalton, Ga., who was on a visit to his parents here. He is a gifted speaker and preached a beautiful and appropriate sermon.

After the service the congregation filed past Dr. Gilmour, shaking his hand and thanking him for his splendid five years' constructive ministry at Purity.

It is the custom of the Brotherhood of Purity church to emphasize its life and bring the men of the church together every quarter during the year. Sometimes one or two of the members are called upon to speak on these occasions, and often speakers are invited from other places. There are one hundred and ninety-eight members of the Brotherhood, and they were delighted to have with them this time