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## CHURCH NEWS

### VIRGINIA.

**Lexington:** Rev. Melvin Trotter, the famous evangelist, and his noted singer, Mr. Hammondtree, will conduct a series of services at Washington and Lee University, beginning March 1st.

**Clifton Forge:** Sunday, February 20, 1921, the session of Clifton Forge church ordained and installed three additional elders and four deacons. The elders were C. L. Long, E. A. Zimmerman and D. E. Smith; the deacons, Marion Deibert, R. O. Artz, George H. Vermilya and A. G. Gochenour. This gives the church nine elders and twelve deacons. The congregation is looking forward with unusual interest to an evangelistic meeting to be held from February 27th to March 13th, conducted by Dr. Frank Hall Wright.

**Potomac Presbytery** will meet in Franklin Square church, Baltimore, Md., Tuesday, April 19th next, at 8 P. M. Kindly write the pastor if you are coming.

Yours truly,

W. H. Woods, S. C.

**Portsmouth, First:** The two weeks' evangelistic campaign under the leadership of Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., came to a close Friday evening, February 18th. There was a steady increase of interest and power from the first day to the last. Careful preparation had been made for several weeks by the pastor and people so that the evangelist had the co-operation of the whole church in a remarkable way. The large chorus choir, under the direction of Mr. P. Y. Brown, of Bluefield, W. Va., was a very helpful feature. Dr. Thomas is full of energy and enthusiasm. His sermons appeal to all classes and especially to men. District prayer meetings were held by the women each morning at the same hour. Every section of the city was touched in this way. Dr. Thomas preached to large numbers of men at the navy yard and the railroad shops several times. The recorded discussions for the campaign are ninety-six professions, twenty-five promised to secure church letters and place them in Portsmouth churches, and forty-seven pledged to make a new start in the Christian life. A large number have already met the session, fifty-six being received on last Sunday. A splendid Christian Endeavor Society has been organized from Dr. Thomas'

"win-one-clubs" starting out with sixty or more members.

J. H. W.

### ALABAMA.

**Tuscaloosa Presbytery** will meet in Center Ridge church, Dallas County, Ala., Tuesday, April 12, 1921, 7:30 P. M. Sessions will please send their records for examination, statistical, systematic beneficence, narrative church societies and Sabbath school reports (for which blank will be sent about March 1st), and the Presbyterial assessment at the rate of 15 cents per communicant, resident and non-resident. The afternoon of Thursday will be devoted to a Deacons' Convention, which, it is hoped, will be largely attended.

J. G. Praigg, S. C.

**Montgomery, Trinity Church:** This church within the past two and a half months has received twenty-two on procession and by letter. Attendance on its church services has more than doubled. Its Sunday school has overflowed the Sunday school building into the main church auditorium, pastor's study and organ loft. It has organized two Christian Endeavor Societies with a membership combined of one hundred and twenty-five. It has the largest mid-week prayer service in the city. In a recent campaign for current expenses it more than doubled the best it had done in the past. It is now planning to do better than that for benevolences. It has organized a tithers' club of eighty-one members. And in addition it has pledged three thousand dollars for a mission church in the country.

### ARKANSAS.

**Dardanelle:** Rev. and Mrs. Sheffer, who are employed by the Executive Committee of Sunday School Extension of the Presbyterian Church U. S., and who are now at work in the Synod of Arkansas, recently visited our church and held a very interesting and profitable two days' institute on Sunday School Methods. An immediate outgrowth of their visit will be the organization of a Teacher Training Class and Workers' Council to meet weekly. They will spend two weeks in Washburn Presbytery, reaching all but two churches. This plan for the individual church is the best yet, for all the workers have an opportunity of getting the best helps first hand.

Four members have been received into this church this quarter, two by letter and two on profession.

Jas. I. Paisley.

### FLORIDA.

**Presbytery of St. Johns** will hold its next stated meeting in the Tampa Heights church, Tampa, Fla., on Tuesday, April 19, 7:30 P. M.

J. H. Davis, S. C.

### GEORGIA.

**Albany:** Our union evangelistic meeting, participated in by the Baptists, Methodists and Presbyterians, led by Dr. Frank Hall Wright, the gifted Indian evangelist, and Mr. Erle Stapleton, his singer, and lasting three weeks, has just closed, and in the opinion of the oldest citizens is the greatest revival Albany has ever seen. The services were held one week in each church, and at the last it was estimated that 1,100 were packed in the Presbyterian church, while an overflow service of 200 took place at the First Methodist church across the street. People came from many surrounding towns from twenty-five to forty miles or more, so widespread was the interest. About sixty will join the Methodists, forty the Baptists, and thirty the Presbyterians as

the result of the meeting, besides hundreds in all our churches, who have reconsecrated themselves to the Lord. Dr. Wright preaches the old gospel with a clearness and simplicity, a force and power that makes his every message seem God-sent and therefore God-blessed. His singing and that of Mr. Stapleton was rich, full, and soul-stirring. "The Lord hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad."

LeRoy G. Henderson.

### KENTUCKY.

**Louisville Seminary:** Rev. T. E. Gouwens, pastor of the Dutch Reformed church of Mountain Lakes, N. J., was the speaker for the chapel hour on Tuesday, February 22d. His address on "The Challenge of the Church" ranked among the best of the session and made a deep impression. Rev. P. B. Hill, D. D., pastor of the First church of this city, is giving the students this week a course on "Methods in Soul Winning." Dr. Hill was in charge of personal workers in the Gypsy Smith meetings, one of the number of evangelistic campaigns in which he has borne a helpful part, and his messages are garnered from wide and rich experiences.

Mr. T. B. Talbot, of Louisville, always a welcome visitor to the Seminary, gave a vivid account of work in the Kentucky mountains at a recent gathering of the students. Mr. Talbot's work as Superintendent of Home Missions and Sunday School Work in West Lexington Presbytery has endeared him to an Assembly-wide constituency.

### LOUISIANA.

**Presbytery of Louisiana** will meet in De Ridder on the 19th of April at 8 P. M.

D. F. Wilkinson, S. C.

### MARYLAND.

**Sykesville, Springfield Church:** Rev. W. L. Milne, who has for some months supplied the Harmony and Springfield churches in the Presbytery of Potomac, has been unanimously elected to the pastorate of these congregations. The work in both of these churches is in a hopeful condition. Six members were but recently received into the Springfield church.

**Baltimore, Maryland Avenue Church:** The pastor of this church, Rev. W. J. McMillan, D. D., writes: "The good people of this congregation have again placed me under obligation to them by another signal manifestation of their thoughtfulness. On the closing day of the ninth year of my pastorate here, two ladies called at the manse and took me unawares by presenting to me, in the name of the congregation, a generous purse of gold. To the gift were added words of appreciation, and an expressed hope that this pastorate might be prolonged for many years to come. Such kindness touches a pastor's heart. It is a pleasure to serve such thoughtful people."

### MISSISSIPPI.

**Presbytery of Central Mississippi** will meet in Forest, Miss., on April 12, 1921, at 7:30 P. M.

E. W. Ford, S. C.

### SOUTH CAROLINA.

**Presbytery of Pee Dee** will meet in Hartsville, S. C., April 12, 1921, at 8 P. M.

A. H. McArn, S. C.

**Presbyterian College of South Carolina:** The students have just greatly enjoyed a visit from Dr. J. Layton Mauze, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Huntington, W. Va. He spoke to the students Friday even-

ing and twice on Saturday. He filled the pulpit of the First Presbyterian church both Sunday morning and evening, conducted the college Y. M. C. A. services at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, and preached at the Orphanage at 4. The call to the students to dedicate their lives to Christian work was presented by the speaker in a most earnest and forceful way. It made a deep and lasting impression upon all who heard it. This earnest call will doubtless result in many students dedicating their lives to the gospel ministry. Practically every student is a member of the church.

### TEXAS.

**Cleburne, First Church:** On Sunday night, February 13th, the auditorium and Sunday school room were filled when the congregation of the Anglin Street Presbyterian church (U. S. A.) worshipped with us. Their pastor, Rev. George N. Thomas, preached a strong evangelistic sermon from Isa. 45:22. A mature man, formerly a Roman Catholic, was converted under the influence of this sermon, made a profession of faith in Christ, and at a joint meeting of the two sessions after service was received into the Anglin Street church. The congregation was good and special music was furnished by the two choirs. Attendance is increasing at Sabbath school and preaching services. The Ladies' Aid and Missionary Societies are active, Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor flourishing. A fine troop of Boy Scouts is being organized, and soon we expect to have a Senior Endeavor Society.

**Presbytery of Dallas** will meet in the First Presbyterian church of Denton, Tex., April 12, 1921, at 8 P. M.

J. G. Varner, S. C.

**Presbytery of Brownwood** will meet in First church in Comanche on April 19, 1921., at 8 o'clock P. M.

Malcom Black, S. C.

### PERSONAL.

**Rev. Z. E. Lewis**, recently pastor of Craigsville church, in Augusta County, Va., is visiting relatives in Rockbridge County. He will shortly leave for work in the mission field of our Church in Mexico. He will be located at Cuernavaca.

### STAUNTON LAYMEN'S CONVENTION.

Great Regional Laymen's Conventions have been held during the past few weeks, but the greatest of them all thus far was the one held last Thursday and Friday in Staunton, Va. There were 1,162 registered delegates present. They came from all parts of Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, the District of Columbia, and there were a few from North Carolina and other States.

The First church, in which the meeting was held, was packed to its capacity at every session. There was manifest throughout the whole time an earnestness and a seriousness that showed the deep spirituality of the movement.

One of the striking features of the convention was that every address was made by a layman. A large number of preachers were present, but they had no part in the program, except occasionally to lead in prayer or to pronounce the benediction. The addresses were of an unusually high order, without any attempt at oratory. They were simply strong business talks by strong business men who are interested in the business of God's kingdom. They spoke out of their own experience.

The great theme of the convention was individual work for individual