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CHURCH NEWS

VIRGINIA.

Richmond: The Westminster church last Sunday made a unanimous call to Rev. W. S. Golden, of Sanford, N. C., to become its pastor. Mr. Golden has not yet announced his decision in the matter. Rev. Dr. J. Y. Fair had been pastor of this church for a number of years, until last June, when he resigned and was made pastor-emeritus.

—**Second Church:** The pastor, Rev. Russell Cecil, D. D., returned on last Friday from his summer vacation, the greater part of which was spent at Montreat, N. C. He reports the conferences remarkably good this season. He remained a few days after the conferences closed to enjoy the quiet restfulness of the mountains, but was summoned home by the death of Mr. Marshall M. Gilliam, for many years an honored elder of this church and Stated Clerk of its Session. After the funeral Dr. Cecil went to Pence Springs, W. Va., for the remaining weeks of his vacation. The members of the congregation are also returning home, and the work of the church is opening up. The circles of the Woman's Auxiliaries expect to reassemble on the third Tuesday of this month, and all of the activities of the church will soon be resumed. The Sabbath school kept up well during the summer, despite the heat, and is busy reclaiming former scholars and seeking out new ones in preparation for Rally Day, October 2d.

East Hanover Presbytery will meet at Bethany church, in Charles City County, September 27th at 8 P. M. This church is about twenty miles from Richmond, with a good automobile road all the way. Its nearest railway station is Roxbury, on the Chesapeake and Ohio road. Those who expect to attend should notify Rev. W. K. Keys, the pastor, Roxbury, Va., as to the time of their coming.

Churchville, Loch Willow Church, Rev. William C. White, D. D., pastor: The first Sabbath of July was a day of special interest to the members and friends of the Loch Willow congregation, at Churchville, as it was a day marking the progress of this church. The day was of unusual interest in that such a large number of officers were ordained and installed, viz.: Five ruling elders and deacons, as follows: Elders, George W. Sellers, Webb W.

Masineup, Richard H. Stover, Homer M. Sites and D. F. (Bernie) Clemmer, who, with John T. Bear, Dr. J. S. Blair, George M. Bear, William H. East and Silas L. Huff are the elders; and the deacons, John H. East, Robert H. Bear, Herman E. Baylor and Frank A. Bear, who, with W. T. Bear, Thomas N. Wilson and W. J. Burton, are the seven, the Scriptural number, are the deacons. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed. There were present also three ruling elders from other churches, who have gone out from this church, viz.: Edward A. Dudley, of Staunton Second, Francis H. Bear, Staunton First, and Dr. J. Frank Stover, of Crabbottom. This was the twelfth anniversary of the present pastorate. In 1909, when it began, there were four elders, three deacons and one hundred and twenty members, with sixty in the Sabbath school, and today the roll stands ten elders, seven deacons, one hundred and seventy members, with a Sabbath school enrollment of two hundred and thirteen, with one hundred and forty-five present last Sabbath. This church was organized on October 6, 1866. The church has one chapel nearing completion and is about to erect another.

Union Church, Rev. William C. White, pastor: On September 3d this church also had an interesting day, in the ordination of four ruling elders, viz.: Cyrus H. Cline, W. Kenney Buckley, Pleasant D. Rolston and M. Van Orndorf, who, with James N. McNair, Robert A. Puffenbarger and Alvin Burton Shiflet, are the elders; and the deacons are Richard McNair, James A. Buckley, Arthur W. Dudley, Robert C. Kiracofe, A. Walker Dudley, William J. Stickley, W. Marvin Showalter, Richard C. Dudley and Jesse R. Rawley. Twelve years ago there were three elders, five deacons, one hundred and forty members and sixty-one reported as in the Sabbath school, and to-day there are seven elders, nine deacons, two hundred and forty-five members and one hundred and seventy-four enrolled in the Sabbath school. One of the elders goes to college this year and expects to study for the ministry, Mr. A. B. Shiflet. Through the efforts of the last named and Mr. W. K. Buckley and others, a lot has been secured for a chapel.

Waynesboro: On the 18th of September the Rev. Trigg A. M. Thomas, D. D., will begin a series of meetings in this church, in which all the churches of the town will unite. Rev. D. K. Walthall, D. D., is pastor.

Staunton: Rev. J. M. Wells, D. D., recently elected president of Columbia Theological Seminary, has been spending a month here, and made the address at the opening of the Mary Baldwin Seminary last week.

Deerfield, Rocky Springs Church: Mr. James E. Bear, of the Union Seminary, has been preaching at this church during the summer, and has made many friends in the beautiful Deerfield Valley and has done a good work here.

Windy Cove Church, Bath County: Rev. J. M. Coleman, of Columbus, Miss., has just been called to this church, and it is reported that he will accept. This is a very important field, and has been vacant since the removal of Rev. C. H. Phipps. Rev. C. D. Waller, of Mt. Sidney, Va., has preached very acceptably for them during this vacancy.

Douglas Church: A series of meetings brought to Christ. Bethlehem, Madings was conducted here in August by Rev. G. F. Bell. Six were added to the church and all were helped by the forceful preaching of the Word.

Mr. and Mrs. Bell left us the last of August to take charge of a field in Mount Pleasant, Md. They are faithful workers of the kingdom and loved by all. It was with great grief that we had to give up this able man and his wife, but he felt that he was more needed in the field to which he is going, and we trust God may bless him in this work, and that he may be the cause of many souls being souville and Douglas have been grouped together, and we hope to be able to secure a pastor in the near future.

Elon and Pedlar Mills: Evangelistic meetings have just been concluded in these churches in West Hanover Presbytery. The pastor, Rev. Clyde J. Walsh, was assisted in the meetings by Rev. H. J. Williams, of Richmond, whose messages were characterized by their simplicity, spirituality and power. In spite of the intensely hot weather the Elon church was filled to overflowing almost every night of the meeting by very attentive congregations. The singing by two choirs, composed of the boys and girls and young men and young ladies, and trained by the pastor, added greatly to the interest and enjoyment of the services. There were seven additions by profession and twenty-six reconsecrations at the Pedlar church, and a score or more members will be added to the Elon church at the next preaching service by profession and restatement. There were also fifty-eight reconsecrations at the Elon church. Both meetings brought a great spiritual blessing to these churches.

The Sunday School Institute conducted at the Elon church and Morris Schoolhouse during the third week in August was one of the rarest treats ever enjoyed by that church. Two Union Seminary students, Messrs. E. H. Hamilton and George C. Bellingraph, conducted the institute. Their Sunday school addresses and missionary lectures accompanied by beautiful stereopticon pictures were all that could be desired and were delivered in forceful style. For five nights the church was crowded with appreciative congregations, who listened with intense interest. The splendid spirit, earnestness and missionary zeal of these young men brought a rich blessing and a larger vision to the church and Sunday school.

Lynchburg: The Board of Directors of the Orphans' Home of the Synod of Virginia has changed the age limit to which boys and girls may be kept in the institution from eighteen to twenty-one. All children received into the Home after this time will be received with the understanding that they shall remain until they are twenty-one years old. In this way they can be given a better education, and they will be in a better position to take care of themselves than they would be if they left at an earlier age. Rev. William Megginson is the efficient superintendent.

Williamsville: At a recent ten days' meeting held at Southall, an outpost of Williamsville, eight united with our church on profession of faith. The Rev. L. M. Moffet, from McDowell, conducted the services. His sermons all had a deep spiritual note, full of sympathy, and did us all good.

L. H. Eikel, Pastor.

Drakes Branch: The Presbyterian and Methodist churches of this place began a union service last Sunday, September 11th, Rev. A. Sidney Venable, of McAfee, Ky., doing the preaching.

ALABAMA.

Mobile Presbytery will meet in Government Street church, in Mobile, on the 12th day of October, 1921, at 7:30 P. M.

D. A. Pianck, S. C.

Prattville: This congregation gave a reception for their new pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Patterson, Thursday night, September 1st. The reception was held in the Sunday school auditorium, which had been beautifully decorated for the occasion. An interesting program, consisting of vocal and instrumental selections and readings, was rendered.

Evergreen: Rev. R. G. McClelland, of Citronelle, spent part of his vacation with this church, the services being held in the Episcopal church, the Episcopalians and Baptists uniting in the services. The theme for the week was studies concerning God and man, with separate topics, such as "How Shall We Think of God?" "Have We a God Whom We Can Trust?" "Is This House of Worship a Synagogue or a Church?" "Watching for His Presence," "Peter a Christian Who Needed Converting," "Solomon a Man Who Gave God Second Place," "Esau, Who Gave God No Place," "Joseph, Whose Life God Planned," "Living the Eternal Life Here and Now." The Evergreen church is not strong numerically, but is strong in loyalty and zeal and consecration.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Washington, Church of the Pilgrims: While the pastor, Rev. A. R. Bird, continues his work in the interest of this church, the pulpit is being very acceptably filled by Rev. C. H. Ferran, of Deland, Fla. Some of our city churches are more or less inactive during the summer months, but the Church of the Pilgrims could appropriately display the "Business as usual" sign. With the exception of Junior Christian Endeavor all the church activities work the entire year. The Sunday evening congregations are composed largely of young people. At the evening service on August 28th several laymen, speakers assigned by the Laymen's Association of Potomac Presbytery, presented the claims of the gospel ministry or some other form of religious work. In response to an earnest appeal about thirty young people stood to signify their desire to be used in some definite way in the Master's service. In an after-meeting twenty pledged themselves to devote the whole or a part of their time to some kind of Christian service. One young man will enter the ministry and two others may yet answer the call. Several young women are ready to consider seriously Home or Foreign Missions as a life work. Others want to give part of their time to local Church work. The interest manifested by so many made a deep impression on the entire congregation.

A. H.

FLORIDA.

Jacksonville: Dr. L. E. McNair, of the First church, has returned from his vacation, and was greeted by congregations which taxed the auditorium to its capacity, and the Sunday school room was thrown open to accommodate the residue. He is doing a splendid work and is much beloved by his people.

Rev. J. G. Venable and his Riverside church are taking steps to build a very handsome church. Practically all the money has been raised for this purpose.

The Mayport church is busy preparing to build an annex to their building, which is much needed for Sunday