

JOHNSTON LETTER.

New Baptist Church to be Organized. Annual Business Meeting. "We-Are-Twelve" Club Entertained.

On Saturday, Aug. 25, a Baptist church will be organized at Speighters, and the deacons of the Baptist church here, as well as all of the members have been invited to attend. The deacons will take a part in order of the day. The occasion will be an all day affair.

The second Sunday in September has been set aside by the Baptist church as Annual Business Meeting Day, and at the morning service Dr. Pendleton Jones of Edgefield will preach. Leaving aside the other enjoyable features of the day, the above announcement alone, will draw a large crowd. This will be an all day affair and every member of the church is expected to be present and answer to the roll call.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Neil Lott are in New York this week, the former going to purchase fall goods.

Mrs. Walter Beckwith of Waynesboro, Ga., is visiting Mrs. J. D. Bartley.

Miss Clara Sawyer has returned from a visit to Hiddenite, N. C.

Misses Hortense Padgett and Maude Nickerson have gone to Warysville, N. C., to spend awhile.

Mr. M. R. Wright is in New York this week to purchase his fall stock of dry goods.

Mr. Woodruff Lowman was here last week for a short visit in the family of his aunt, Mrs. M. E. Norris. He will leave on the 29th with his company.

Rev. W. S. Brooke is conducting a revival this week at Sardis church. This makes his fifth week in the good work, having been at Ward Baptist church, Horns Creek, Red Hill and Rocky Creek.

Johnston is well represented this week at the annual W. M. U., of the Ridge Association, the meeting being Thursday and Friday.

This church is proud of the reports of these organizations, the missionary society having given the best report in its history, giving \$400.00. The Y. W. A., which is composed of ten young women, gives \$40.25; the G. A. of 18 young women gives \$55.00; and the R. A. reports \$50.00 and the sunbeams far exceeded their apportionment, giving \$80.20.

Mrs. Agatha White and her daughter Miss White of Connie Maxwell Orphanage, are visiting relatives here. Mrs. White is matron of one of the cottages here.

Misses Matilda Cook and Wyring Wise of Batesburg, were guests last week in the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. N. Lott.

Mesdames Joan Mays and J. H. Mathis of Edgefield, worshipped Sunday here at the Baptist church.

Miss Fannie Ferrel of Danville, Va., is visiting Mrs. W. S. Brooke.

Mrs. F. M. Boyd has gone to Chester to spend two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Stewart.

Mrs. T. R. Denney and Miss Antoinette Denney are visiting relatives and friends here. Since June 1, they have been visiting relatives in Alabama and Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight and little Evelyn and Roy Evelyn of Greencut, Ga., spent last week here with Mrs. Georgia Turner.

Mrs. J. L. Walker has as her guest this week Mrs. J. A. Walker of Cochran, Ga., and on Tuesday entertained with a most delightful 5 o'clock tea in her honor.

Mrs. James Huie and little son Gladyn, and bright little girl are visiting Mrs. Mamie A. Huie.

Mesdames M. T. Turner and O. D. Black, Miss Zena Payne and Mr. W. Wallace Turner visited last week at Greenwood in the homes of Dr. J. Wallace Payne and Rev. W. P. B. Kinard.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hendrix and family of Leesville, spent the week-end here in the home of Mr. J. M. Turner.

Miss Sara Norris has gone to Baltimore to spend two weeks.

Mrs. Manning Simmons has gone to Greenwood to visit her brother, Mr. Sumter Wright, and from there will go to Greenville to visit Mrs. Beta Wright.

Mr. and Mrs. Ransom Timmerman and family spent a part of last week here in the home of Mr. J. C. Lewis.

Mrs. G. G. Waters entertained

Will be Greatly Missed.

Mrs. P. M. Feltham who has been on a visit of several weeks to her brother-in-law Mr. Fred Feltham in Boston, Ga., following the recent very sad and tragic accident, returned home on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Feltham went to Boston on hearing of the death of Mrs. Fred Feltham in an automobile accident and the serious injury of the other members of the family and remained until Mr. Feltham and the daughter and son had greatly improved.

While away Mrs. Feltham spent several days in Albany, Ga., and she was there the recipient of many courtesies from friends of yore in Albany who were once residents of Edgefield, Mrs. Charles Rawson, formerly Miss Mary Eliza Cheatham and Mrs. Henry McIntosh, so well known in Edgefield, as Miss Alice Cheatham.

Mrs. Feltham also visited for a day in Moultrie, Ga., and there met and received courtesies from Miss Wm. Blanton, formerly Miss Floy Reddick, who attended school in Edgefield.

Mrs. Feltham has gone to Monticello, Fla., where she and Mr. Feltham will reside for the winter.

The Edgefield friends are loath to give them up and the little boys Jack and John as their boy friends love to call them.

Mrs. Feltham said that if any people on earth could rival the Edgefield people in genuine old time hospitality, it was those of South Georgia.

A Kindly Deed.

Some great man has said that he loved to do a kindly deed in secret and have it found out publicly.

The evil deeds of persons are very soon exploited and people call that gossip, but surely there can be no harm in talking out loud about the good that men do, especially when its discovery will be a surprise to those who did it.

On Sunday afternoon Mr. J. T. McManus and Mr. L. S. Kernaghan went out to the chain gang camped out near Edgewood, Mr. McManus carrying a load of watermelons to the convicts. They greatly enjoyed this feast as you may well imagine, and a religious service was held with them by these two gentlemen. The convicts about 25 or 30 in number, sang with their voices, and no doubt made merry in their hearts over this gracious generosity so rarely dispensed to the unfortunate in this world.

Birthday Party.

Little Miss Gladys Lawton entertained about thirty of her friends on Saturday afternoon in celebration of her twelfth birthday.

Games of all kinds that charm the child heart were engaged in and, the decorations were of a patriotic suggestion, the pretty invitations having sent a hint of it beforehand, bearing a flag on the dainty paper.

The souvenirs were bright little red, white and blue baskets filled with candy and waving from their tops a miniature silk flag.

A word contest was one of the features of the afternoon's pleasures, the prize, a box of patriotic stationery, being won by Eleanor Mims.

Refreshments of ice cream and cake was served.

Edgefield Soldier at Georgetown

The second regiment of South Carolina stationed at Georgetown which has as one of its company an Edgefield boy, A. S. Tompkins, Jr., has been the recipient of many hospitable attentions.

The News and Courier of Sunday gives the "headquarters company" roster and tells of the beautiful courtesies extended them, boat rides, watermelon feasts, and formal and informal receptions, local concerts and other attractions. The name of Arthur S. Tompkins, is mentioned as a guest at all these pleasant occasions.

the "We-Are-Twelve" club on Friday afternoon and a most happy time was had with this congenial party of friends, the time being passed with chatting and with fancy work. A most delicious repast was served.

Miss Lizzie Griffin of Newberry, spent last week here with Miss Lillian Mobley.

A Welcome Visitor Coming.

We were glad to hear during our visit to Red Hill on Wednesday that Mrs. Littlejohn was expected in a few days to visit her sister Mrs. Wash and many friends in that neighborhood. She will attend the Woman's Meeting at Hardy's. Later Mr. Littlejohn will join her and will be in attendance on the association at Rehoboth.

Rev. W. M. Whitesides has the following to say of Lockhart and Rev. Mr. Littlejohn in last week's Baptist Courier.

"Two years ago I visited Lockhart for the first time. They had a one-room church building and were trying to pay the pastor \$500 for one-half time. Pastor J. M. Culbertson and I put on the "Individual Finance System," and brought them up to \$800 for full time. We visited the general manager who agreed to add a Sunday school addition to our house and allow us to pay for it by the month without any interest. The plan added one-third more to the auditorium and gave us four splendid Sunday school rooms. The company also agreed to give \$50 each year on pastor's salary.

Rev. L. S. Shealy, who succeeded Pastor Culbertson, served as pastor during the two years. Through his efforts both the church and Sunday school rolls were almost doubled. We are sorry to have lost Shealy from our mill work. He served us well at Laurens Second, Buffalo and Lockhart. We hope that he may soon return to his first love.

Rev. J. T. Littlejohn is now the beloved pastor at Lockhart. He has already won a warm place in every heart. Both he and the community are optimistic over the splendid outlook. During our recent campaign the church increased the salary to twenty dollars per week or \$1,040 per year—a gain of \$240. The company was asked to increase their contribution to \$150. I rejoice over the splendid week's work—\$340 added to pastor's salary, to say nothing of the good accomplished by the teaching and preaching each night at the church and from house to house during the day.

Pastor Littlejohn needs no introduction to South Carolina Baptists. He made himself felt for every denominational cause in the Edgefield Association. Already he has entered into the life of the Union County Association. Mrs. Littlejohn is identified with every phase of the W. M. U. work in the church.

Put on Shirt With Care.

Hereafter, all ye people who wear shirts, men or women, be careful how you don this very essential garment. Our friend Gus Edmunds who graduated in road building and is now engaged in bigger things—building a cantonment for the government—came home from Columbia Sunday, where he has been working for the past month. While on the streets Monday morning Mr. Edmunds told us to always put on our shirt with care so as to avoid the experience he had. One morning last week while dressing hurriedly he put his shirt on wrong-side out and his room-mate told him at the time that he would have "bad luck" for making such an in-gregious blunder. Sure enough, when he went to the station in Columbia Sunday morning to come home after an absence of several weeks, he "got left" and had to wait for the next train. Again, when he came over from his home Monday morning to return to Columbia he "got left," the train having departed a few minutes before his arrival. Never put on your shirt or shirtwaist wrong-side out.

Music at Woman's Meeting.

The Woman's Missionary Union which will meet at Hardy's August 28, will be unusually fortunate this year in the splendid music which will be furnished each day by the North Augusta choir, Mr. Henderson leader. Our good women from all over Edgefield association will be constrained to attend on this account if no other.

Padgett-Young.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Padgett have issued invitations to the marriage of their daughter Miss Eulis Padgett, to Mr. E. Leroy Young which will take place at home August 22 at 12 o'clock.

Meeting at Red Hill.

A splendid meeting was conducted at Red Hill during the past week, Rev. W. S. Brooke of Johnston doing the preaching.

An automobile party from Edgefield went over on Wednesday and enjoyed the splendid gathering and the meeting with many friends and co-laborers.

On that morning we reached the church in time to be present at the prayer service preceding the sermon, which was conducted by our esteemed friend, Wallace Prescott, whom all Edgefield and Red Hill regret to give up, as he will soon leave for his school at Lockhart.

Mr. Henry Bussey and Mr. Rufus Johnson both made helpful talks at this service, which no doubt made a deep impression on the many young men who later went up to the front and expressed an interest in their spiritual condition.

Mr. Brooke preached a very appropriate sermon on the parable of the rich man.

The music was good and a full choir of women and men made the old hymns resound through the spacious church.

Mrs. Maggie McDaniel Burnett presided at the organ and Miss Alpha Hammond at the piano.

A bountiful dinner was spread and over this hospitable board the friends and neighbors talked until the afternoon bell rang, when according to Mr. Brooke's request everybody, without any exception, even the soldier boys and their sweethearts, went back into the church and listened to the words of wisdom which fell from the preacher's lips.

And this was only one day which the writer was privileged to enjoy. How much of good must come from a week of such splendid occasions. Only those who value the power of the invisible good can catch a vision of it.

About 15 members were added to the church, we hope, "Of such shall be saved."

Keep Cattle Away From Railroad Track.

Washington, D. C., August 13.—"Millions of pounds of beef and pork will be required to feed our armies and navies and those of our allies, and if we are not to have meatless days enforced in the United States we should conserve our supplies in every practicable way," said President Harrison, of the Southern Railway System, today.

"One of the ways in which a very substantial saving of our meat resources may be made is through reducing the number of animals killed on railroad tracks. On the railroads of the United States many thousands of cattle and hogs are killed every year and, as those killed in this way are not used for food, this loss results in a correspondingly large decrease in our available meat supply.

"The responsibility for this loss rests primarily on the owner of the animals who allows them to stray on the railroad right of way. When they are killed the law places the responsibility on the railroad and the owner suffers no direct pecuniary loss. There is, however, in addition to the serious reduction of the meat supply of the country, a further economic loss through the payment by the railroad of money which is urgently needed at this time for increasing the transportation facilities of the country; the lack of which for the movement of his products to market may cause a loss to the farmer greater than the amount he received for the animals killed on the railroad. The extent of this loss may be indicated by the fact that the Southern Railway System alone paid out in the twelve months ended June 30, 1917, more than \$200,000 for animals killed on the right of way. This sum, even at the present high prices of equipment would be sufficient to buy more than 100 standard box cars capable of handling at a single load more than 3,000 tons of freight, and the constant use of this many additional cars would tend to the relief of the present war-time congestion of traffic.

"Is it not the patriotic duty of every farmer to keep his live stock away from the railroad tracks?"

Newsy Letter From Hardy's.

We hoped so much for a rain on Sunday afternoon when the clouds looked so dark and heavy toward the North and East. But it did not come at all, and we need it so much, although we had some Wednesday and Thursday, but not over on the further part of the place. They are very partial. There must have been hail some where, as it was much cooler and the wind blew a good deal.

We had a good congregation on Sunday at Hardy's and must thank Mrs. Scott for playing the organ for us. Hope she will attend regularly and help us out some more.

We were so glad to see Mrs. Elsie Briggs at Hardy's for the first time in three or four years. She is looking fine too. And surprised to see Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Hamilton and family at her old home church. We have not seen her for four or five years before, and sorry her visit to Mr. Will Briggs her brother, was so short we could not get to see more of her. She returned home Monday.

Mr. Milton Barker returned home Thursday of last week from a trip to his former home Chattanooga, Tenn. He and Mrs. Milton Barker have been quite sick with La-Grippe. Hope they may soon be well again.

We have received invitations to attend the marriage of Miss Burmah Love Barker of Pikeville, Tenn., to Mr. Fred B. Barker, of Curryton, for Sept. 5, 1917. We congratulate, and wish them both much happiness.

We were truly sorry we could not attend the cue given at Mr. Tom McKie's pond Thursday. We hear every one enjoyed it immensely, just as they always do, for those people know how to make a good time for all.

Everything is camp, camp, camp now. Messrs. Herbert and Harry Bunch and Mr. Frank Townes go from home every morning to work over there. Mr. Henry Medlock has gone this week to try for a job. Mr. Cogburn is also over there and Mr. Tom DeLaughter and Mr. George Wright. The two Mr. Bunch's have teams out there. There are just lots of the negroes from this community have gone to get work. Just think of what an immense affair this camp business is. Those who have not been accepted as soldiers are out there.

Miss May Seekenger is spending her vacation with Mrs. Free Taylor, her mother, over at Morgana.

Miss Goodrich of Augusta and Mrs. Bertha Sanders of McCormick are also visiting Mrs. Free Taylor.

We were glad to hear Mr. Edgar Lanham is up walking around after his spell of typhoid fever. Hope he will continue to improve.

Alone.

It is human to stand with the crowd, it is divine to stand-alone. It is man-like to follow the people, to drift with the tide; it is God-like to follow a principle, to stem the tide.

It is natural to compromise conscience and follow the social and religious fashion for the sake of gain or pleasure; it is divine to sacrifice both on the altar of truth and duty.

"No man stood with me, but all men forsook me," wrote the battle-scarred apostle, in describing his first appearance before Nero to answer for his life for believing and teaching contrary to the Roman world.

Truth has been out of fashion since man changed his robe of fadeless light for a garment of faded leaves.

Noah built and voyaged alone. His neighbors laughed at his strangeness and perished in style.

Abraham wandered and worshipped alone. Sodomites smiled at the simple shepherd, followed the fashion, and fed the flames.

Daniel dined and prayed alone, Elijah sacrificed and witnessed alone. Jeremiah prophesied and wept alone. Jesus loved and died alone.

Wanted, today, men and women, young and old, who will obey their convictions of truth and duty at any cost.—Exchange.

RED OAK GROVE.

Active Missionary Circles. Annual Meeting at Hardy's. Many Visitors Come and Go. Good Revivals.

Only a short while till the Edgefield W. M. U., will meet together for that great occasion at Hardy's. Our society will report out of debt. More encouraging news in the interest of our spiritual development is this: We have organized Circle No. 3, with Mrs. Jesse Whately chairman and Miss Lizzie Mims helper. We feel so proud of our Circles, and especially shall we enjoy watching their development. We can't expect the mile-stones to be good markers for the wayfaring unless we keep them right. And let us individually endeavor to watch our mile-stones (the Circles), and help our leaders to keep her's bright that some may see the road to righteousness.

Mrs. Sallie Mims so graciously received us in her home where our first meeting was held last Saturday afternoon. We rejoice to see the sweet spirit in the meeting, and feel sure others will catch the inspiration and become more interested.

Circle No. 2 held their annual meeting last Wednesday afternoon. Being so encouraged at the spiritual development we were constrained to hold a special meeting, rather reviewing contest as a kind of celebration. We have reasons to believe our efforts have not been in vain.

We feel that our Sunday School is not what we want; now as the winter is approaching new interest must be taken or we fear our school will "freeze up."

We have had quite a number of visitors in our midst.

Misses Nixon from North Augusta are visiting in the neighborhood.

Mr. R. M. Lamb and family of Atlanta, Mr. Kenrick Lamb and wife of Brunswick, Ga., also Mrs. W. M. Gignilliat with two daughters, Miss Laura and little Leslie.

Mrs. Carrie Rodgers from Greenwood accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. John Quattlebaum, beloved here as Miss Fannie Clegg.

Mrs. Emma Bussey, the estimable wife of Rev. G. W. Bussey was with us during our meeting. To know her is to love her, and better know the success of her beautiful home life—the life that tells.

Mr. Ben Rodgers and wife were among our number. He is a Greenwood man and that goes to say he like others, likes our people; but oh, the roads, he says.

Miss Maude Quattlebaum is the guest of her uncle, Mr. M. Clegg. Don't think her "bestest" will call in an automobile as he too is from Greenwood.

Miss Ruth Kemp, one of the pretty and sweet girls from Kirksey came talking Rock Hill to our girls. She will enter college there this session.

It was quite interesting to hear Mr. Guy Pittman of LaCompte, La., tell of the boll weevil experience in his country. Their trail is yet in existence, tho' the people have learned to do them a "bit" too, and cotton is again extensively planted and prospects for the present crop is the best in years in his parts.

We were glad to have our young friend Mr. Henry Bailey and wife of Modoc come in our midst last week.

Mrs. James Hamilton has had with her son, Mr. D. B. McDaniel and his bride from Harlem, Ga.

The war has already given the wives hardships looking after the farms, for numbers of our men are now in Columbia and Augusta carpentering. Many heretofore could hardly drive nails, now feel they knew more all the while than they revealed.

Misses Kathleen Kenrick and Lillie Timmerman leave Saturday for a few days recreation, having remained at home assisting in trying to carry out the plan of conservation.

Mrs. Fannie Griffin is visiting relatives in Greenwood and Spartanburg. During her absence Mrs. McManus has been with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Griffin.

Messrs. Rob Cothran and Walter