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MINISTERIAL CHANGES

Among recent ministerial changes we note that Rev. W. J. Nelson has gone from our church at Ridgeway to Goodwill church, near Mayesville, S. C., and Dr. C. A. Ward from Newport News, Va., to Toledo, Ohio.

Both Rev. Nelson and Dr. Ward are strong, energetic preachers and had marked success in their former fields. Goodwill church boasts the largest membership of any of our Southern churches, and has a long and interesting history. For many years it was served by Dr. I. D. Davis, eloquent preacher and sweet singer, who succeeded the late Dr. M. G. Johnson at Ladson church, Columbia.

The Carver Memorial church in Newport News, is one of the best in Virginia. Dr. Ward leaves a fine church edifice and a united congregation that wanted him to stay. He was a factor in all phases of our church work, and we in the South shall greatly miss him. He carries to his new charge the best wishes of all his ministerial brethren and a large circle of other friends.

AN EPITHALAMION: DR. JOHN M. GASTON'S MARRIAGE.

A Polyphonic Prose Poem
(Written December 12th, 1925)

By Rev. Yorke Jones, D. D.,
Author of "Gold and Incense."

Ham, 'tis good to be named—"John."
In the Book, note two great Johns:
Him who said, "Behold the Lamb of God!"
And him who had Patmos visions.
Strewn through the ages are great Johns—
Princes in the Kingdom of God,
Who went on swift feet beautiful—
Feet "beautiful upon the mountains:"

There was John Chrysostom,
John Wycliffe, John Huss, John Calvin,
John Knox, John Bunyan, John Wesley,
And new world John Witherspoon,
And the great John who died for thee—
John Brown.

On feet "beautiful upon the mountains,"
Going hither and thither on labors of love,
Not dying, but living for thee, Ham,
To break fetters off the soul of thine,
There is another great John—
John Gaston—
Whom thou, Ham, dost love!
Anent him, thy great John, Ham,
Southward upon thine ears attent
A North-born wind hath a message borne.
And this the message is:
Whereas, aforetime, thy great John
Was alone what time went he hither
And thither, in his labors for thee of love,
Latterly it hath come to pass
He hath linked his hand masterful
In a gentle, queenly hand—
One name and roof the same,
Hereafter, to suffice for him and her.
And Ham, thou art glad!
Thou art glad with and for him and her!

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, WILSON, N. C., RAISES $1207.20.

In a financial campaign just brought to a close the Calvary Presbyterian church, of Wilson, N. C., realized $1207.20. In this supreme effort the members and friends worked most admirably to the end that the standard of Calvary might not be lowered. The official body cannot be commended too highly for its careful and prayerful planning of the campaign, and following it up with unrelenting toil and endeavor. Nor can one forget the tremendous sacrifice made by the officials and the bulk of the members. In this period of retrenchment there was a little doubt as to whether the church could maintain its past standard. "We strengthened our stakes; lengthened our cords; and enlarged our plans and gifts." A new standard was set. The object of the campaign was to clear some outstanding obligations and to pave the way for the erection of a manse in the near future.

The Missionary Society, one of the most energetic and potent organizations in the church, is doing effective work in the community. Its members are "evangels of mercy" to the needy. The society contributes largely to the support of Home and Foreign Missions. Its regular weekly meetings are a source of inspiration and information to all who attend.

On Thanksgiving Day this society served a dinner and the sum of $65 was realized.

On December 4th the society rendered "The Reverend Dayton Up to Date" to an appreciative audience. The characters deported themselves nicely.

In the recent financial campaign this group contributed nearly $150.

On Thursday, December 10, the district meeting of the Presbyterial Society was held with the local organization. This district is composed of Rocky Mount, Elm City, Wilson, Smithfield and Goldsboro. Mrs. S. C. Baskerville, of Rocky Mount, is the leader. This was the first meeting and the time was spent largely in setting the machinery in order. The group pledged itself to try to set up an organization in every church in the ditrict. These meetings are to be held frequently.

The Sunday school department recently presented to the church 100 new hymnals, revised edition, at a cost of $162. These Hymnals will be formally dedicated the fourth Sunday night in December.

The Intermediate class of boys is elated at having Mr. Bill Hines, a successful young business man, as teacher.

Frederick Reid was re-elected head of the Pioneers. Bill Jones is the new Secretary.. A Quartette from this group will soon make its initial appearance.

John Burns Jackson is the new President of the Y. M. B. C. In addition to its prescribed activities this group is doing a lot of reading with a view to giving a synopsis of what each one reads.

The "Radiogram" is the name of the news letter the Friendly Church on the Corner sends out frequently to all of the Wilson students who are away in school. This letter carries a pastoral message; the activities of the clubs; the activities of the local schools, etc.

The Light Bearers, under the leadership of Miss Willie Hargrove, will render a literary and musical program Sunday night, December 20th.

Rev. George preached to the faculty and student body of Bricks Junior College Sunday morning, December 13th. Rev. Fred Davis, a local Baptist minister, filled his pulpit.

THE SCRIBE.

MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN AMELIA COUNTY, VA.

Rev. W. H. Freeland, of the Russell Grove Presbyterian church, Amelia, Va., addressed the Ladies' County Missionary Circle at Allen Memorial church, Jetersville, Va., November 29.

Mrs. W. J. Wright, presiding, called the meeting to order at 2 o'clock P. M., and introduced the following program:

The Rev. W. H. Shepperson, pastor of the church, read the 3rd chapter of John and led in prayer.

Congregational Singing, "If Jesus Goes With Me I'll Go."

Roll Call—Russell Grove, Oak Grove, Huntington Mission, Albrights and Allen Memorial reporting present.

Welcome address, Mrs. Sarah Page Brown.

Response, Mrs. M. J. Wright, President.

The Russell Grove choir sang, "Let the Gospel Light Shine Out."

Mrs. Claire Pearon Alter, Preceptress of Ingleside Seminary, and Misses Frances Craine and Bertha Tate, teachers in the same school, were introduced. Mrs. Alter made a short address in which she told of the importance of all working together in the spirit of love and harmony for the obtaining of the proper results. We thanked Mrs. Alter for her interesting remarks.

Mrs. M. J. Wright then announced the speaker, Rev. W. H. Freeland, who had for his subject, "Money." He emphasized our financial duty to the church, urging the necessity of each member paying the $1.63 per capita which every member of the Presbyterian Church is asked to give as benevolence. His address was timely and instructive, and, we are sure, will bring forth fruit.

There was a song, "Speed Away," by the Ingleside Quartette. This Quartette consists of Miss Evelyn L. Reasor, Miss Wilbert McLaughlin and others.

Address, Miss Josie Morgan, of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute, Petersburg, Va. Her subject was "A Challenge to the Present Day Negro Woman." Miss Morgan did justice to her subject and was heartily applauded.

Select reading, Miss Annie R. Vaughn, Albrights.

Solo, Miss Madeline M. M. Thompkins, of the Oak Grove Missionary Society.

An appeal for a strong collection was made by Mrs. S. V. Thompkins, of the Huntington Mission, Mannboro, Va. The response was liberal beyond expectation, with the Rev. Charles Pitchford presenting the first dollar. Others whose names we present, gave a dollar: Mrs. Alice Pitchford, Mr. Clarence Wright, Mrs. M. J. Wright, Miss Hattie Post, Mrs. Fannie Wilkerson, Mrs. Nannie Swann, Mrs. Maggie Swann, Mrs. Sarah P. Brown, Mr. Edwin Thompkins, Mrs. S. V. Thompkins, Mr. David Thompkins and others whose names could not be gotten. The collection was fine.

Duet, the Misses Evelyn Reasor and Wilbert McLaughlin, of the Ingleside Quartette.

Miss Frances Craine was organist for the Ingleside singers.

Song, Allen Memorial Quartette.

Remarks, Rev. W. H. Shepperson.

Closing hymn, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

As on most occasions Mr. Clarence Wright presided at the organ.

Our next place of meeting will be the Big Oak church the fifth Sunday in January, 1926. Our very highly esteemed Rev. T. H. Lackland, of the So. Virginia Presbytery , will make the principal address.

Mrs. Claire Pearson Alter extended invitation to the "Circle" to be the guest of Ingleside Seminary in its Spring meeting which invitation was accepted joyfully.

SARAH V. THOMPKINS,
Secretary.

During the past two weeks, Dr. J. M. Gaston, accompanied by Mrs. Gaston, has visited several of our schools. This was Mrs. Gaston's first visit South. The workers were delighted with her.

ECHOES FROM LOUISVILLE

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chastened you! Surely her efforts were not in vain, for in her illness she could call each by name and say how kind and considerate you had been. You poured out your love, affection, gratitude for her and these were enough. Surely this made her departure more seemly, more satisfying. It was easier to depart and be with her Lord which is far better. Departed from the boy friend of her early childhood; departed from the gallant youth who won her heart, departed from the husband of her joys and sorrows.

One pouring forth her sympathy on one occasion said: "I have a pain in my sister's side." This characterized the life of our sister here. Her neighbors' pains and sufferings were hers. Living so long in one neighborhood, and known as a good neighbor testifies to the fact that she was a good neighbor. As I went to see her during her illness, her neighbors in 32nd street would stop me and inquire as to her state. On Monday a little boy halted in his skating to know when Mrs. Buckner would be brought home. She has departed from the neighborhood. She will be missed.

There are those here who were her friends from childhood. The way over which you trod together was beautiful. It is more beautiful today than ever, for you see it afar; you see it as those whose hearts are more tender at this moment than ever before. O, how she loved you! How she loved you. This is the time of her departure. Some day you shall be with her when all the beautiful things you did and said may be lived more happily than here. When you were ill or in trouble did she say in action: "I have a pain in my sister's side." Sympathy is the true mark of the Christian, the mark of the Christian. When the hearts of Mary and Martha were broken because of the death of their brother, it was sympathy that rolled away the stone. A little boy looking on a funeral procession, it was a wife and mother, noted how crushed was the spirit of her husband and father and how halting was the step. It reached the heart of the little fellow. He left his play and stole up to he broken-hearted man, and taking him by the two hands, walked with him silently to the tomb. This dear woman knew how to sympathize with the broken-hearted. Her Lord had taught her and she learned the lesson well. Departed from the ways of sympathy!!

The time of my departure from the church is at hand. Removed from the church, separated from the visible, moved on to the invisible body of the saints. How she loved the church! Great was her devotion! Was it worthwhile?—fifty-five years in the service of Christ—a longer life than most of us live here! Was it worthwhile? I can show you in one instance that is was worthwhile. At the recent congregational meeting when the matter of selling this church property was being discusesd she arose with broken voice and dimmed eyes and declared how she loved the spot and how reluctant she would be to leave. The pastor and others attempted to show her how necessary it was so to do and how it would mean the broadening of the life o fthe church and especially to those who had come up with it she seemed to be relieved and satisfied. This is the mark of a Christian. She loved her church. She has rejoiced because of it. She has wept because of it. She was ready to be offered up when the time of her departure was at hand. She desired, no doubt, to depart and be with her Lord. Her death is her graduation day. It is the commencement of her real life when she will enter into the fellowship with spirits of just men made perfect, the ideal socialism of heaven, and into the service of eternity. "Death releases us from the limita'mm cm cm cmcmm mmmm itations of this earthly environment and lets us out into the infinite and perfect environment of God. In union and fellowship with Him all our powers of thought and action will find unhindered expansion and complete satisfaction. Our intellectual faculties will roam through infinite fields of truth and tackle problems of which we have never dreamed, our esthetic sense will bathe itself in beauty more grand and lovely than was ever suggested by human art or by the cloud-clapped towers and gorgeous palaces of the world, our wills will hitch themselves to celestial stars of duty and service, our affectional nature will be satisfied with the perfect society of perfect spirits, and our sense of dependent childhood and yearning for a Father will be cradled in the Everlasting Ark, close to the loving heart of God." "For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens."

"There is no death! The stars go down
To rise upon some fairer shore,
And bright in heaven's jeweled crown
They shine forevermore.

And ever near us though unseen,
The dear immortal spirits tread
For all the boundless Universe;
In life there are no dead."

God's Studio. I John 3:2.

You go into an artist's studio, and all about the walls are fragments of pictures, blotches of paint, suggestions of scenes, mere hints, and you say, "You call this man an artist?" But your friend replies: "You are only in his studio; these are only his sketches; these are his unfinished works; if you want to know what he means, you must go to the galleries where his finished pictures are gathered."

This world is God's studio. There are sketches, blotches of what is to be; but the finished work is gone, it is not here; when the picture is ready, it is taken to a higher gallery and a nobler service. The best saint on earth is like a potted plant; when the roots get too great tor the pot, and the gardener sees that the pot, which has intended to preserve it is dwarfing and killing it, he breaks the pot, and takes the plant out and transplants it.

"To those everlasting gardens
Where seraphs walk and angels are the wardens."

The time for departure draweth near. Paul has made the voyage and is gathered home. Sister Buckner has made the voyage, had a longer period of service to Christ than did the Apostle. She, too, is with Him. During the stormy days of the Civil War a government vessel sought to enter the harbor of St. Augustine from the ocean side. A severe storm prevailed. It was early morn. The wind blew a gale. Huge waves lifted and rolled. The unwieldy steamer rolled, swayed, creaked. A group of officers stood on the forward deck The snowy crest of waves on the confronting bar seemed to shake defiance at the venturesome voyagers, forbidding their progress. Yet there was firm hope among the watchers, for they trusted in Him to whom their lives had been committed. Far forward, in the eyes of the steamers bow, clinging to an iron girt stanchion, stood the sturdy, weather-beaten old pilot of the port. Before pilot and watchers, out of the reach of the storm, on the far shore of the sheltered bay, there lay in the morning light, the quaint old Spanish city, and none of the steamer's deck had doubt that they would reach the port, for the pilot whom they trusted was a very present help in trouble."

"One who has known in storms to sail
I have on board;
Above the raging of the gale
I hear my Lord.
He holds me when the billows smite,
I shall not fall.
If sharp, 'tis short; if long, 'tis light;
He tempers all.
Safe to the land, safe to the land,-
The end is this;
And then with Him go hand in hand
Far into bliss."

ON THE CAMPUS OF FEE MEMORIAL INSTITUTE,

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did not deem it fair to burden the Editor with placing notes ofthe school in the Africo and months' subscriptions were taken, one to come to the Literary Society, one to the Research Society, and one to the C. E. Society.

The basket ball team is rapidly getting in shape and hopes to play many games before the season ends.

The students of the Normal Department have organized a society known as "The Research Society." The aim of the organization is to do research work, declare war on slang and bad English, and advocate wholesome and decent literature.

Miss Beatrice Wilson, a member ofthe second year Normal, on account of continued illness, has been forced to give up school for a while and has gone to her home in Georgetown, Ky., to take treatment under her family physician. We hope for her an early recovery and return.

Miss Kinchlow and Miss Caliman both teachers in Fee, spent Thanksgiving in Bowling Green and Richmond, Ky., respectively.

Much surprise as well as much joy was given us a few days ago when Rev. McNair announced that he had added a new feature to Fee. He stated that after seeing some local friends, he has been able to make the following offer: that the girl finishing the Normal Department with the highest honor, provided her average in deportment is not below 98 per cent and her average is not below 75 per cent in any one subject will have her way paid through some institution during the summer, and will have the honor of being one of the teachers in Fee the coming term. He states that he hopes to give some of the exceptionally bright girls an opportunity to teach in Fee, but not until they have done extra work in some noted school. Since this announcement every girl has determined to win this honor.

Mrs. McNair has begun to practice the primary and grammar grades for an exercise to be had during the Christmas holidays.

The Quartet sang for the Baptist church last Sabbath and gave a good account of themselves as usual.

Our friends have already begun to speak of our site as "College Hill," and we hope this is only an indication of what the future has in store for the school.

A school bank has been organized among the students and the following are the officers: President, Mary F. Mitchell; Cashier, Ada B. West; Auditor, Eddie M. Harris; Board of Directors; Nina M. Henry, Willie M. Walker, Cleo Ramseur, Mildred Gray and Winston Miller.

BOGGS ACADEMY, KEYSVILLE, GA.

On Founder's Day, December 8, we were delighted to have an inspiring address by Mr. W. L. Hughes, of Dublin, Ga. This address was so helpful that we are hoping to have another address from this splendid speaker soon.

Boggs Academy is pleased to offer the following courses this term: Literary, Musical, Commercial and Industrial. Students are making splendid progress in all the courses.

Preparations are already being made for the Christmas exercises which are to be held on Christmas Eve. Plans are being made to try to make the services during the Week of Prayer unusually helpful.

Boggs Academy opened its eighteenth term the last of September with a corps of ten efficient teachers. The enrollment was large and is still growing. This promises to be one of the best terms in the history of the school.

Our Principal, Rev. J. L. Phelps, seems to be just as full of energy as he was before his long and serious illness. The five churches and two schools under his care seem to have taken on new life since the Fall saeson opened.

Several improvements have

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