

FOUR YEARS ON A NEW FIELD.

Rev. J. C. Humble Writes Interestingly of His Work as Pastor in Scotland.

Only once in a long while do I burden your readers with anything from my work. I, therefore, may be pardoned for writing of the results of the first four years of the Caledonia charge. Four years ago the name of Caledonia charge made its appearance in the journal of our Conference. When I came to the work, located in what to me was a strange country, I found it to consist of the Caledonia church, formerly with the Maxton charge, Oak Grove church, formerly with the Rowland charge, and a preaching point in East Laurinburg, which had been served by the pastors of the Laurinburg charge. At this latter point we had no organized society and no church property. The entire membership of the work numbered 209. I found two Sunday Schools with a total membership of 75. The entire value of church property was only \$3,500. There was no parsonage, except a half interest in the Maxton parsonage, which was not available until the latter part of the first year, and the preacher lived in a rented house, and paid a high rent for nearly one year.

No great things have been accomplished yet, certainly not what we hoped to accomplish, but the work is in much better shape than four years ago. We now have a nice parsonage, with all modern conveniences, valued at \$3,500, with no debt on it, a nice church building in East Laurinburg, which lacks but a little of being completed, easily worth \$2,500 when complete and furnished, a new church building in course of erection at Johns, a station on the Coast Line Railway, and almost midway between Caledonia and Oak Grove churches, which when completed and furnished will cost about \$6,000, and should be completed by giving us, at the present stage of the churches in course of erection, a net increase in value of church property for four years of more than 200 per cent and when completed of over 300 per cent.

There have been 170 additions to the membership of the church in four years, which gives us a net increase of thirty-three and one-third per cent. The membership of the Sunday Schools has also increased from 75 to 350, a net increase of over 300 per cent. Our Sunday Schools have several organized classes which are doing good work, considering the present accommodations for special class work.

The idea now is, when the new church at Johns is completed, to absorb the Caledonia and Oak Grove churches as nearly as possible, making one strong church and keeping the other places as occasional preaching places, but to have the entire membership centered at this one logical point. This will be done as soon as possible after the church is completed, but the old places will not be abandoned. The parsonage, which is located in Laurinburg, will be sold and one built at Johns, which will put the pastor in the center of the membership. When this final arrangement is made, which we had hoped to accomplish and would have but for the financial situation caused by the war, the Mission point in East Laurinburg will of necessity be detached from the work and served as an independent charge or otherwise arranged for.

While the assessments for pastor's salary have been small, the average amount received for the three years has been \$1,051, which includes above the assessment, the amount appropriated by the Board of Missions and the amount paid by the Mission point, on which no regular assessment has been made. If the whole assessment and other pledges are paid this year the salary should

be above \$1,100.

Along with this steady growth the missionary spirit has grown too, and when we get into our new church we will have some good societies and be able to marshal the young people more easily, which we have not been able to do satisfactorily with churches located in sparsely settled communities.

On account of sickness and building and other things, no revivals have been held this year and the increase for this year will, therefore, be small. While we have in our membership several well-to-do people, we have many really poor and a good many are only average farmers, so that a four-year average of \$14 per month is not a bad showing.

Our immediate section is hit pretty hard as well as other sections, by the situation brought on by the European war, this being an all-cotton county, but still we go on with our church building enterprises and hope to be able to carry up a full report to Conference. We shall leave this work with not a dollar of indebtedness on any church property and feeling at least that we have accomplished something in this part of the field.—J. C. Humble, in Raleigh Christian Advocate.

Pigs and Education, and Pigs and Debts.

Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.—Our race is in constant search of means with which to provide better homes, schools, colleges, and churches, and with which to pay debts. This is especially true during the hard financial conditions obtaining on account of the European War. All of this cannot be done at once, but great progress can be made by a good strong pull together, in a simple direct manner. How?

There are 1,400,000 colored families who live on farms or in villages, or small towns. Of this number, at the present time, 200,000 have no pigs. I want to see the pig this fall. Where on more pigs are already owned, I want to ask that each family raise one additional pig this fall.

As soon as possible, I want to ask that this plan be followed by the organization of a Pig Club in every community where one does not already exist. I want to ask that the matter be taken up at once through families, schools, churches, and societies, Farmers' Institutes, Business Leagues, etc.

The average pig is valued at about \$5.00. If each family adds only one pig, in a few months at the present prices for hogs, \$10.00 would be added to the wealth of the owner, and \$14,000,000 to the wealth of the colored people. If each family adds two pigs, it would have in a few months \$20.00 more wealth, and \$28,000,000 would be added with which to promote the welfare of the race during the money stringency created by the European War.

Let us not put it off, but organize Pig Clubs everywhere. Give each boy and girl an opportunity to own and grow at least one pig.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON.

Buy Robeson Farm.

Messrs. White and Gough sold the Eli Wishart farm, near Alenton, last week to Mr. W. M. Gibson of Scotland county. The tract contains 50 acres. Mr. Gibson paid cash for the land, which shows that all the money is not out of circulation and times don't get too "warish" for Robeson land to sell. Mr. Gibson will move with his family to the farm about the first of the year.—Lumberton Robesonian.

Boy problems: By all means marry the girl. Because she is wealthy is no reason why she should not make you a good wife. And an early wedding will induce her to settle down—and provide you with means of settling up.

GROWING OLD.

A little more tired at close of day,
A little less anxious to have our way,
A little less ready to scold and blame,
A little more care for a brother's name;
And so we are nearing the journey's end
Where time and eternity meet and blend.

A little less care for bonds and gold,
A little more rest in the days of old,
A broader view and a sinner's mind,
And a little more love for all mankind;
A little less time on earth to stay,
And so we are faring adown the way.

A little more love for the friends of youth,
A little less zeal for "established" truth,
A little more charity in our views,
And little less thirst for the daily news;

And so we are folding our tents away
And passing in silence at close of day.

A little more leisure to sit and dream,
A little more real unseen things seem,
A little more near to those ahead,
With visions of those long-loved and dead;

Thrice happy, then, if some good can
"I live because he has passed my way!"

Why Hard Cider.

Chief of Police Charles M. Walters, of Raleigh, says he experiences a great deal of trouble over the sale of cider in the streets—these fine looking codritymen bringing in cider for sale, and the Raleigh official wonders if cider is making people drunk.

Of course the Chief of Police of Raleigh ought to know, but if he doesn't we will tell him that good old hard cider will make a man more conspicuously and uniformly drunk than any other beverage in the world—save its Father, New Jersey Apple Jack, which has been aptly termed "Jersey lightning."

Hard cider will make a man pleasantly and mellowly drunk—and he can recover. And why a great prohibition state, forbidding the sale of even n-beer, lest it might get nigher, will let the sale of cider go on as though it were soda water we cannot understand. Hard cider will make a man drunk as quick as rot gut whiskey—and in many towns where we have lived we know prohibitionists who drink barrels of hard cider in a week.

Going After the C' Plots.

One story of the moving picture pose in the Senate chamber of the United States, which resulted in a sharp exchange between Senator Overman and Vice President Marshall, is that Senator Lea, of Tennessee, posed in the attitude of addressing the Senate while the chaplain, Mr. Prettyman, appeared in the attitude of prayer, raising his eyes to heaven. The Senate was not in session when this was going on and we don't know that it is improper for senators and the vice president to pose for the "movies" if they wanted to. The only criticism that could be made is that the performance was undignified, but as the movies have taken hold of almost everything, even this criticism might be allowed to pass. But if it be true that Chaplain Prettyman, a minister of the gospel, went through the mockery of making prayer for the movies, it would seem there is reason for criticism in his case. Making mockery of sacred things is bad enough for a layman; it is inexcusable in a minister. The Senate chaplain must be a pretty man, indeed.—Statesville Landmark.

Strange Ship Reported.

The people in the Cairo neighborhood are greatly excited over the report that an airship was seen passing over that section a few days ago. Those who claim to have seen it say that it was so high up that it looked to be about the size of an automobile and made a noise like an automobile running. They did not say whether it carried the German flag or not. Some of the colored population are afraid to be out after dark.—Morven Sentinel.

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STATE NEWS.

day of last week by the city tax collector for its failure to pay the city tax.

North Carolina leads all save Kentucky in the production of tobacco this year.

Charles Redman, a farmer of Stokes county, was kicked by a mule at Winston-Salem one day last week and died within a few hours.

Because of business depression the Wadesboro Messenger and Intelligence, which has been a semi-weekly newspaper, will be issued weekly until business revives.

Mr. John Thomas and Miss Julia Powe, two citizens of Durham, were attacked and almost beaten to death by unknown parties Friday night. They were both severely beaten about the head and face and left near a cemetery. Miss Powe was not found until Saturday morning.

The fact that Will Worthan's pistol contained bad cartridges probably saved the life of J. B. Baintosh, of the Asheville police force Saturday night. The officer went to arrest the negro, who produced a pistol and snapped it three times in the officer's face, the cartridge's failing to explode.

Came Here for Initiation.

A camp of Knights of Ezeiah is being organized for the boys of Chestnut Street Methodist church by Mr. W. H. Humphrey, who has been appointed superintendent general by Rev. W. B. North, pastor of the church. This order is to the Methodist church about what the Boy Scouts are to the church in general. No boy can join unless he has a good Sunday School record. Masters Harold Humphrey, Carlyle Bethea, Cornelius Butler and Walter Lee Jenkins were accompanied Friday night of last week to Laurinburg by Mr. Humphrey and Mr. W. J. DuBois and were initiated in the page's decree of the order. There are three degrees. Mr. Humphrey met a number of the boys at the church recently and explained about the order. The boys are very much interested and a large number will no doubt join the camp.—Lumberton Robesonian.

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