

## DR. J. T. GIBBS PREACHES FAREWELL SERMON METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Dr. J. T. Taylor Offers Resolutions of Appreciation; Unanimously Adopted.

"I LOVE YOU ALL," HE SAYS

Representatives from all churches of the town and from other churches of his charge on Sunday unanimously endorsed resolutions of esteem and love for Dr. J. T. Gibbs, who closed his four years as pastor of Wesley Memorial Methodist Church. These resolutions were drawn by Dr. J. T. Taylor of the Baptist Church.

After a sermon which has since been much praised by all as being particularly strong and able, Dr. J. T. Taylor of the Baptist Church gave testimony of the fine fellowship which had existed between Dr. Gibbs and himself since the Methodist pastor came here four years ago. Dr. Taylor dropped into reverie for a moment to recall 53 years of active ministry. "How long have you been preaching, Doctor?" the Baptist preacher asked Dr. Gibbs after this statement. "Fifty-two years in active pastoral work," he answered.

Then Dr. Taylor called upon Mr. C. R. Rodwell to read the following resolutions:

Whereas, Rev. J. T. Gibbs, D. D., is this day closing a four years' pastorate of Wesley Memorial M. E. Church in Warrenton, N. C., and whereas, the various churches in the town have closed their houses of worship that they may express their loving esteem of this distinguished preacher by unitedly attending his last service as a pastor in our midst, and, whereas, the entire community desires to do him reverence; therefore, be it resolved,

First, that Dr. J. T. Gibbs by his godly life in our midst, by his able and eloquent sermons, by his great friendliness, by his deep and efficient interest in all that concerns us, by his earnest work as a soul winner, and by his able and successful work in kingdom building has won an abiding place in the loving esteem of the entire community;

Second, that we sincerely regret to lose from our midst this able minister of Christ and high-toned Christian gentleman, and we shall remember his life among us with peculiar pleasure and we shall follow him in his future career with loving sympathy and earnest prayers; and we heartily commend him to the people among whom his lot may be cast;

Third, that a copy of these resolutions be given to Dr. Gibbs, they be spread upon the Records of Wesley Memorial Church and that they be published in The Warren Record and The North Carolina Christian Advocate.

After their adoption, Dr. Gibbs, moved by this expression of whole-hearted esteem, thanked his congregation and also told of the spirit of regard which he held for Dr. Taylor. The congregation, drawn from all churches since the ministers of other denominations had closed their doors in token of respect to Dr. Gibbs, were moved by the sentiment voiced by these two ministers and here and there over the house handkerchiefs could be seen, telling that something deep in the spiritual being had been touched to bring tears.

The text of the Sunday morning sermon follows:

"And the God that answereth by fire, let him be God."—1. Kings 18:24. The days of idol worship have been gone so long that we find it hard to realize what an idol was. We think of it as a piece of wood or stone, or stone, or possibly, of gold. And so it was. So is a church a pile of wood fastened together with nails, or a number of brick, cemented with mortar and covered with small squares of slate. But the church is more than the material of which it is composed. Nor does its shape alone set it apart from other buildings. The one thing that makes it a church rather than a warehouse is the purpose of its builders. When the trustees or deacons appear before the church and declare that it shall be God's house, they stamp it with its true character. And that declaration is as important a thing as the Government's stamp on a piece of silver that makes it a dollar. The congregation may have worshipped as faithfully and with as much holy joy in that building before its dedication as afterwards, but that only means that they have anticipated the formal act of declaring it God's house—set apart by the minister from all unhallowed or common use for the worship of Almighty God. It is from the first a building apart.

DR. J. T. GIBBS



Resolutions were unanimously adopted following the farewell sermon on Sunday expressing the love and esteem for Dr. Gibbs, who has been in active ministerial work for more than 52 years.

but it is such because it is given from the first to the worship of God. It devines character from the faith and piety of the people who compose its congregation.

Now consider what an idol was. The word is Greek, meaning something that can be seen. And the Greeks made beautiful images of their gods, placing them in temples where burnt offerings were made. They believed that these gods themselves lived on Mount Olympus, the highest mountain in their country. This was the Greek heaven, and was not considered a part of the earth where mortals dwell. Tennyson, in a beautiful poem, gives a striking picture of Greek belief. He represents a band of sailors lost in an unfamiliar sea, and cast upon a pleasant island. They are disgusted with the seemingly endless effort to find the way home, and say: "Let us swear an oath, and keep it with an equal mind, in the hollow Lotus-land to live and lie reclined, On the hills like gods together, careless of mankind, For they lie beside their nectar, and the bolts are hurled, Far below them in the valleys, and the clouds are lightly evoled, Round their golden houses, whirled with the gleaming world; Where they smile in secret, looking over wasted lands, Blight and famine, plague and earthquake, roaring deeps and fiery sands, Clanging fights, and flaming towns, and sinking ships and praying hands, But they smile, they find a music centered in a doleful song, Streaming up a lamentation and an ancient tale of wrong, Like a tale of little meaning tho' the words are strong; chanted by an ill-used race of men that cleave the soil, sow the seed, and reap the harvest with enduring toil."

But these Greeks believed that these gods did take an interest in mankind when it suited them, and their literature is full of the doing of their gods. When Paul healed the lame man at Lystra, the people "lifted up their voices, saying: . . . the gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas, because he was the chief speaker. . . . Then the priest of Jupiter: : brose, and would have done sacrifice with the people." But when the apostles saw the preparations and found out what the people were about to do, they ran about among them, saying, "Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and preach unto you that ye should turn from these vanities unto the living God which made heaven and earth, the sea and all things that are therein." Now these people of Lystra had seen a great many images of Jupiter and a large number of those which represented Mercury. They had doubtless worshipped these gods, but they knew perfectly well that the cold blocks of marble were not gods. They were sacred, as the visible symbols of gods that lived in heaven, just as our churches are sacred as places of prayer and praise.

And it was simply a lord, and there were many baals. Every important city among the heathen nations that surrounded ancient Israel worshipped its own baal—that lord among the heavenly powers that was supposed to favor that particular city. There were baals of streams and woods and fields, which merely meant that in the belief of the people these streams, hills and plains belonged to different heavenly powers. It is believed that the particular baal worshipped by King Ahab at this time was the greatest or lord of Sidon, one of the greatest commercial cities of that time. It is certain that Ahab also worshipped, or least acknowledged the power of God. The two sons of Ahab had what we would call christian names, and I mean by that not simply first names, but real bible names—names that were intended to show the parents' faith and to remind the sons of their duty to live christian lives. One of these boys was named Ahaziah, which means "God holds;" and the other means "God holds;" which means God is high. And these names didn't simply mean that any god holds and that any

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## Woman's Club Signs Chautauqua Contract For Another Season

Assuming a straight liability contract for \$525, with the privilege of all receipts, the Warrenton Woman's Club signed with the Swarthmore Chautauqua last night in the Opera House for a series of six entertainments to be given during three days of next Fall. The contract this year guaranteed \$375 from the Woman's Club and all the door receipts.

The four entertainments already given have been well patronized, especially at night. Last evening members of the Woman's Club were seeking chairs for the audience, and some of those late to arrive were sent to the balcony.

The lectures and musical programs have received favorable comment from many who attended. The program closes today with the junior pageant this afternoon and the "Cappy Ricks" play of the evening.

## Woman's Club Sells Over Its Quota Of Season Tickets

Oversubscribing its guarantor's liability, the Warrenton Woman's Club made history here this week in putting across a season ticket sale of the Swarthmore Chautauqua which opened its three day program at the Warrenton Opera House on Wednesday. There have been chautauqua ticket campaigns in Warrenton for many seasons and it has been a steady rule that the guarantors had to make good at the end of the entertainments.

The Woman's Club in a house to house canvass sold more than its quota of tickets and has enough money to meet bills incident to the attraction, according to President Julia Dameron.

Mrs. Frank Allen was chairman of the successful sales committee. She was assisted by President Dameron, Mesdames T. V. Allen, E. L. Knight, Pryor Allen, J. Edward Allen, Walter Fleming, John Dameron, H. F. Jones, George Scoggin, Roy Davis; Misses Hamie Gardner, Alice Rooker, Lillie Belle Dameron, Gladys Gordy, Della Wicker and Beulah Dempster.

A member of the ticket committee said yesterday that the appreciation of that committee was extended Mrs. Charlotte Story Perkinson of Wise, Mrs. King Pinnel of near Warrenton and Mr. Wallace Cawthorne of Warren Plains for their sales.

## W. T. Polk Choice of Woman's Club As Delegate to Conference

The Woman's Club has been invited by Dr. Paul Pearson, Director of the Swarthmore Chautauqua which will be in Warrenton next week, and President of the International Lyceum and Chautauqua Association, to select one representative to attend the Lecturers' Conference on Public Opinion and World Peace, to be held in Washington Dec. 7, 8, 9, 1922. During the conference there will be discussion of the economic problems underlying world peace, and the scientific, the general and national aspect of world peace. Men of world-wide reputation will present these discussions. Dr. Pearson in closing his letter says, "President Harding will welcome the speakers, Clemenceau will speak for France, and many other notable persons will make such a program as has not before been presented in America. I shall be there, of course, and shall be happy to welcome your representative."

The Woman's Club wishes our community to be represented by one of our men. The Club feels that a man can bring back to our community a greater message on this all important question. And so the Club at its meeting at Mrs. R. B. Boyd's appointed Mrs. Katharine Arrington a committee to see if she cannot get one of our men to consent to represent our community at this conference.

Mr. William T. Polk of Warrenton was appointed by Mrs. Arrington to represent the Woman's Club. Mr. Polk said this week that he wanted to attend.

Still Short.

Lots of peace has been made; but the supply is still short.—Wilkes-Barre Times Leader.

## OVER 300 JOIN RED CROSS IN CANVASS

Klu Klux Klan Opens Campaign With Contribution In Church.

\$75.00 FOR WAR REFUGEES

More than 300 Warrenton persons enrolled in the Red Cross here on Sunday afternoon during an intensive canvass of the city by committees. Around \$75 was given for relief of suffering in Greece over and above the \$1 membership fees.

With the church bells of the town tolling, the members of the committees appointed by Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington, town roll call chairman and head of the county Red Cross Chapter, to canvass the city, moved to the Episcopal Church at 2 o'clock where prayer was offered for the success of the drive by Dr. T. J. Taylor and short talks upon the purposes of the campaign made by Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen, Editor of The Warren Record W. Brodie Jones, and Mrs. Arrington.

Four white robed figures, with the insignia of the Invisible Empire of the Klu Klux Klan, walked quietly into the church just as the bells stopped ringing and before the exercises of the afternoon opened to leave \$10 for the drive to specifically enroll ten members of the Red Cross who were not otherwise able to join.

The canvassers left the church with enthusiasm after hearing the outline of the canvass and worked throughout the afternoon. The report was made on Sunday evening in the home of Mrs. Arrington. Half of the proceeds of the membership funds, under the announced plan of the campaign, will go for playground equipment of the Warrenton High and Graded School while the remainder will go to the Red Cross for its relief program conducted among refugees from the Turk.

Those canvassing on Sunday included Mrs. Katherine P. Arrington, Miss Sue Williams, Mrs. Howard F. Jones, Mrs. M. C. McGuire, Miss Gladys Gordy, Miss Amma D. Graham, Miss Julia Dameron, Mrs. Ella A. Thorne; Messrs. M. C. McGuire, V. F. Ward, R. B. Boyd, H. A. Moseley, J. J. Tarwater, Frank H. Gibbs, William T. Polk and W. N. Boyd.

The Roll Call books do not close until Thanksgiving, Mrs. Arrington pointed out yesterday, "and we expect to have many more persons, from among those who were away from home last Sunday, to enroll here."

Attention of the town was riveted upon the canvass of Sunday by a Red Cross program presented under the direction of Miss Gladys Gordy at the Opera House on Saturday evening and by a word of endorsement read by Dr. Gibbs before the congregation in the Methodist Church on Sunday morning.

With a Red Cross tableau as a background the short program of Saturday evening was put on without a hitch. The school children sang well together and the Opera House thundered with applause when Theo and Lucy Crosby finished a duet and again at a solo by Theo Crosby.

## Pres. Norwood Denies Prophecy That Tobacco Assn. Will Fail

President George A. Norwood has been misquoted in reference to the co-operative sale of tobacco, according to a letter received by Mr. John H. Fleming of Norlina from Mr. Norwood.

"As it was being told over the country that Mr. G. A. Norwood, President Tobacco Growers Cooperative Association, said that either the auction or co-operative system of selling tobacco would have to fail and that the auction system seemed to be stronger and he believed this system would win, I wrote to Mr. Norwood in regard to the matter," Mr. Fleming said.

"He said that it was entirely untrue—another lie out of whole cloth. He said that he believed cooperative marketing of tobacco WOULD and OUGHT TO SUCCEED."

The milk of human kindness is a fine antidote of trouble.

## Coop. And Extension Forces To Hold Com- munity Meeting Here

Joint meetings by the N. C. Cotton Growers Association and the Home Extension Service of the State Department of Agriculture will be held at the places and on the dates mentioned below, J. C. Jones, co-operative agent for cotton, said yesterday.

"These meetings are going to be of unusual interest to both the farmers and their wives and also to the business men and women who care to attend. Information of importance concerning the Cotton Association will be given out at these meetings and Mrs. R. W. Wells of the Home Extension Service will have something of peculiar importance for the women," he said.

Mr. Jones urged that every man and woman convenient to these places attend and bring their friends.

The following are the dates and places:

- Oakville—Monday night, Nov. 20th, at 7:30.
- Arcola—Tuesday night, Nov. 21, at 7:30.
- Churchill—Wednesday night, Nov. 22, at 7:30.
- Inez—Thursday night, Nov. 23, at 7:30.
- Norlina—Friday night, Nov. 24 at 7:30.

## Good Crowd Attends County S. S. Union At Zion on Sunday

Sunday School superintendents, teachers and interested workers met at Zion M. E. Church last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock for a township institute of the North Carolina Sunday School Association and were in session until mid afternoon discussing various phases of the work.

After Sunday School at 10 o'clock, the Rev. M. Y. Self filled his regular appointment. A basket dinner was served on the grounds following the morning service.

President J. L. Overby, opened the afternoon session with scripture reading and prayer. Supt. John H. Fleming of the Warren Plains School spoke upon the ways of increasing attendance and Editor J. C. Hardy of Norlina talked upon the advantage of the graded lesson and how they were used. The Rev. Horace Read, former pastor, spoke upon the "Child Moses."

Stressing the importance of the Sunday School in the life of the child and the value of religious instruction in the home, Supt. of Schools J. Edward Allen developed his theme, "The Home and the Sunday School and How They Help Each Other." Supt. Allen held that both home and Sunday School had a sacred trust in preparing the child to withstand manifold temptations of the hour and that with the increased educational advantages through the grammar and high schools also came an obligation on the part of parents to see that the religious training was followed.

Short talks were made by W. Brodie Jones, R. M. White and C. W. Perkinson and the meeting brought to a close with President Overby's announced plan of A Sunday School Institute in each township during the next year.

## Dr. Gibbs Delivers Conference Address

Dr. J. T. Gibbs is attending the Methodist Conference at Raleigh this week. Dr. Gibbs spoke on Wednesday evening upon "Thirty Years As A Presiding Elder."

The News & Observer, which carried the full text of the address the following morning, said editorially:

"Dr. Gibbs gave an intimate and illuminating discussion of the duties of a presiding elder, an office of importance and power peculiar to the Methodist polity. His tribute to the loyalty and unselfish consecration of the circuit riders and the devotion of their wives, often living on inadequate salaries, was a fitting conclusion to an address that was heard with pleasure and will be read with interest by the membership of that large communion. In his own life, dedicated wholly to his call, Dr. Gibbs illustrated the virtues he portrayed in his address."

Miss Rowe Wiggins of Wilmington is visiting in the home of Mrs. Adele

## SPEAKERS TO TALK ON THE ROLL CALL

Junior Red Cross Work To Be Placed Before Ten County Communities.

REFUGEES ARE STARVING

To appeal for the Greatest Mother in the World, Red Cross Roll Call speakers from Warrenton travel to ten consolidated schools this afternoon and evening for addresses at the community gatherings of county persons. Both the purpose of the roll call and the work of the Junior Red Cross will be outlined.

Letters to the Sunday School Superintendents and ministers of the county and especial appeal to the heads of the ten consolidated schools to help make the day a success argues well for good attendance at the schools.

Half the funds donated remain in each school zone for playground equipment while the other half is to help relieve those refugees from the Greco-Turkish war whose plight is desperate.

Junior Roll Call A Success Here. Every child except five of the Warrenton High School had been enrolled in the Red Cross last night. The membership fee in the junior order is 10c which each child is supposed to earn. Miss Gladys Gordy, county chairman for the juniors, has outlined a program for the work and will be glad to render any assistance to other schools in the campaign.

Speaking appointments today include:

- Norlina—Hon. Tasker Polk, Miss Gladys Gordy.
- Wise—B. B. Williams, Stephen Burroughs.
- Macon—William T. Polk, Mrs. H. F. Jones.
- Vaughan—W. Brodie Jones.
- Warren Plains—F. H. Gibbs, Mrs. J. E. Rooker.
- Arcola—W. Brodie Jones.
- Nutbush—J. Edward Allen.
- Vicksboro—Rev. J. C. Crosby, Miss Amma D. Graham.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Amid the beauty of their ancient temples, thousands of Smyrna refugees are starving on the Greek mainland and on the islands of the Aegean, covering before the approach of Winter.

This picture of the emergent need of the Near East populations driven from Asia Minor by the Turks is contained in a cablegram just received at National Headquarters of the American Red Cross from Vice Chairman A. Ross Hill, in charge of foreign operations, who is in Athens. The message reads:

"Six weeks after the catastrophe at Smyrna the situation of refugees in Greece and the islands of the Aegean grows daily more tragic. A personal inspection just made among the islands of the Cyclades reveals scores of thousands of shivering refugees, naked and starving. On Milos refugees are dying at the rate of two daily.

"On Naxos many refugees have no roofs overhead. On other islands, where Greek gods were born and epic deeds achieved, numberless women, children and old men lie exposed to the wind which flaps their scanty rags. Epidemic scarlet fever has started on the island of Canea.

"Refugees on the mainland of Greece outnumber those on the islands and are living in such congestion that health and life are menaced. One camp on the outskirts of Athens is filthy beyond description and may cause epidemic among normal population. The helping hand of humanity must stretch out to these people or Greece and her islands will become a burying ground for scores of thousands."

## Negro Shoots Another After Church Meeting

Returning from a Sunday School festival, Grant Russell, colored, 40, who was full of moonshine, shot Lawyer Mayfield on Sunday afternoon about 4 o'clock near the German Church in Smith Creek Township.

A truck filled with darkeys was returning from the exercises at the Sunday School rally when words en-

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