

## Personals.

Bishop Morrison's address is 3915 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans.

Rev. George A. Cook, of the New England Conference, has charged Dr. Borden P. Bowne, of Boston University, with heresy.

The Thomasville Church, Georgia, will assume the support of Dr. J. C. C. Newton, upon his return to the Japan Mission.

Rev. B. C. Thompson and family, who spent several weeks in Alamance County after Conference, returned to their home last week, stopping part of a day in Raleigh.

Rev. M. C. Thomas, who, with the exuberance of youth, disclaims the title, "Conference Patriarch," made us happy by a visit to our office last week.

Rev. G. G. Ragan, father of Rev. J. S. Ragan, of the Hot Springs Circuit, Western North Carolina Conference, died at his home in Kentucky November 29.

We deeply sympathize with Prof. and Mrs. O. W. Carr in the death of their youngest daughter Lucy, who died a few days ago at Old Trinity. She was a most estimable Christian young lady.

Miss Eva Booth, Canadian Commissioner, will succeed her sister, the late Mrs. Booth Tucker, in command of the Salvation Army in the United States.

Dr. and Mrs. Jno. R. Brooks will make their home in Louisburg during the winter. We are glad to know that the health of both is considerably improved.

Rev. W. B. Rankin, D. D., the efficient Superintendent of the American Bible Society in Texas, died at Washington College, East Tennessee, on December 15.

The St. Louis Christian Advocate, so ably edited by that ex-North Carolinian and alumnus of Trinity College, Dr. C. C. Woods, has entered upon its fifty-fourth year.

Mr. G. A. Dobbin, who had been so long the efficient District Passenger Agent of the Santa Fe Railroad, has become a member of the Masingale Advertising Agency.

\*Dr. C. W. Byrd, who had been on a visit to his mother in Harnett County, passed through Raleigh on last Monday en route to his home in Atlanta. He is doing fine work in one of the largest churches in Atlanta.

Rev. J. C. Ley has succeeded Rev. L. W. Moore as editor of the Florida Christian Advocate. The paper will hereafter be published in Tallahassee. Our best wishes go with the retiring editor, and we extend the glad hand to Brother Ley.

We are requested by Bro. W. B. Cooper to announce that the Sunday-School Board will expect all applications to go in to him as Secretary before March 1st, as the distribution of the funds are to be made on that day. Let all interested heed this urgent request of Brother Cooper.

Dr. W. H. Moore preached at Edenton Street on last Sunday morning and at Central Church in the evening. He had just come from a family reunion, which must have been very enjoyable. We are sure that his poem in this week's issue of the Advocate will be very enjoyable to our readers.

### HANDBOOK NOTICE.

By the time this meets the eye of the reader, the Handbook for 1904 will be ready for delivery unless something untoward happens. We weigh well our words when we say that the Handbook for 1904 will be the best we have yet issued. We feel that we have a right to feel a special pride in this issue and to expect that every Methodist who feels an interest in his church will order at once. Price 25 cents per copy. This notice will explain to the large number who have already ordered the Handbook why they have not received it.

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## North Carolina Methodism.

The post-office address of Rev. L. E. Sawyer is Farmville, N. C.

We have been cordially received here, salary raised, and tokens of appreciation. Send me a copy of the Handbook as soon as issued.—R. C. Craven.

We desire to have the post-office address of the following: Rev. J. C. Crisp, Rev. W. O. Davis, Rev. F. F. Eure, Rev. J. M. Marlowe, and Rev. C. O. Du Rant.

Rev. J. V. Williams announces that he will be ready after January 1st to engage in revival work in North Carolina. All brethren wishing to secure his help will write to him.

We had a fine reception here at Jonesboro last night. Many of the leading men and women came to welcome us, and had everything in readiness. Hope to have a good year here.—E. Pope.

We have begun our third year here with bright prospects for a good year. Our people have been exceedingly thoughtful of us during the holidays. My stewards are earnest men, and are planning for the success of the work more wisely than ever before.—G. B. Webster.

J. W. Jenkins, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage, at Raleigh, preached in the Methodist Church here Sunday. Rev. Mr. Jenkins is doing a good work for the Orphanage, and his visits here are always well pleasing to Weldon people. His sermons Sunday were excellent, and no one could have heard them without feeling that they had been benefited thereby.—Weldon News.

We are glad to say that a large number took advantage of our Christmas Gift Offer. A large number of beautifully engraved cards went out from this office a few days before Christmas, apprising certain ones that the "Old Raleigh" had been sent to them for one year by certain ones (names given). No more helpful, appropriate gift has been rendered by any one.

An interesting feature of the quarterly meeting at Lumberton Methodist Church last Monday was the discussion of the proposition to reduce Lumberton to a station and place another preacher as supply for the country churches. The question was submitted to the representatives from the country churches for them to decide for both sides, and after some discussion, which was of the most kindly nature, they decided not to make any change for the present. The people have already such appreciation of Rev. Z. Paris, the new preacher, that they do not want to consider any proposition that means for them to be deprived of his services among them. Our people are delighted with Presiding Elder Cole.—Lumberton Argus.

This morning at 8.30 o'clock, at the District parsonage on West Main Street, Rev. G. T. Adams, of New Bern, and Miss Mary Gibbs, daughter of Rev. J. T. Gibbs, of this city, were united in marriage. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. Gibbs, father of the bride, assisted by Rev. Dr. E. A. Yates, and took place in the parlor of the parsonage. Mr. C. B. Adams, brother of the groom, was best man, while Miss Eunice Gibbs, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Miss Stella McCall presided at the piano and rendered several very appropriate selections. Mrs. J. E. Lea, of Atlanta, then sang a solo, which was followed by Miss McCall, who played the wedding march in a very impressive manner. The newly married couple left on the 10.25 S. A. L. train for Washington, and other prominent places, where they will spend some time before going to their home at New Bern. The groom is a young minister, who holds a charge at New Bern, and is greatly beloved by all who know him, while the bride is the daughter of Rev. Dr. J. T. Gibbs, Presiding Elder of the Durham District. She is a very charming young lady, and holds the confidence and esteem of all whom she comes in contact with.—Durham Sun.

## General Notes.

The Salvation Army made preparations to feed 250,000 poor people in the United States on Christmas day.

On Sunday night a disastrous fire occurred in the North Carolina Texas Female College at Sherman, and the "Annie Nugent Hall," and the building known as "The Brick" are in ruins.

It is estimated that the Methodist Church property of the world amounts to \$300,000,000. The followers of John Wesley now number over 28,000,000, of whom over 22,000,000 are in America.

Nashville, Tenn., is certainly a city of Southern Methodist preachers. In all, there are seventy-seven now living there, according to recent registers published in the Midland Methodist.—Exchange.

There are twelve different Protestant denominations operating in Cuba, among which the Methodist, Baptist, and Presbyterian churches are leaders. The membership of all the churches is now reported to be 2,500.

Rev. Geo. D. Snyder, of Hagerstown, Md., financial agent of Catawba College, recently turned over to the Rev. J. L. Murphy, chairman of the board of trustees, \$15,000,000 secured for the endowment of a chair of theology.

Rev. C. C. Thompson received a letter from Rev. J. Robt. Moose stating that Mrs. R. A. Hardie, wife of Dr. Hardie, one of the missionaries of the Methodist Church in Korea, was on her way to Lenoir to enter her daughters in Davenport College.—N. C. Christian Advocate.

The mayor and city attorney of Augusta, Ga., have been asked by the city council to decide whether raffling at a church fair is a violation of the State statutes against gambling. Raffling is a bad business, whether carried on by the church or State. It is nothing but the alphabet of gambling. We are surprised that we have in any of our churches people who conduct it in any form.

Rev. R. M. Hoyle, Presiding Elder of the Waynesville District, has resigned his charge on account of the health of himself and wife. Mr. Hoyle was formerly pastor of Forest Hill Methodist Church. Rev. C. F. Sherrill, pastor of the Shelby Church, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Hoyle, and Mr. Hoyle will be pastor of the Shelby Church.—Shelby Aurora.

The Progressive Farmer has been sold to a new company just organized, of which Mr. C. H. Poe is the largest stockholder. The Farmer will be enlarged and otherwise improved. Mr. Poe is editor and manager. Profs. B. W. Kilgore and C. W. Burkett are the agricultural editors. The Farmer, under the new regime, will be a great paper.

The Baltimore and Richmond Christian Advocate announces that the stock of Rev. Herbert M. Hope has been sold to Rev. James Cannon, of Blackstone, and J. Sidney Peters, of Hampton. By this purchase these gentlemen gain control of the paper and will assume management at once. Mr. Hope will retire, but Rev. Dr. Lafferty will remain as one of the editorial writers. The Methodist Recorder, which has been published at Blackstone by Mr. Cannon, will be combined with the Advocate. Mr. Hope is a trained newspaper man, and he did fine work for the Advocate. Mr. Cannon has also had valuable experience as editor, and he and Dr. Lafferty and Mr. Peters will doubtless keep the Advocate up to its former standard of excellence.—Richmond Dispatch.

The Southern Methodist Book Depository of Staunton, Va., advertises in this issue. The Depository was endorsed by the North Carolina Conference at its late session at Goldsboro, and is in every way worthy of the patronage of our people. We trust that our readers will look up the ad and remember the Depository when they want books.