

Methodist Mention

We are glad to learn that Rev. H. M. Jackson, who has been quite sick, is now improving.

Rev. J. H. Pritchett, D. D., of the Missouri Conference, asked for a supernumerary relation at the last session.

The Missouri Conference, having tried the plan of paying for its own entertainment at the session held at Palmyra, has concluded to abandon the same.

Prof. Marvin Stacy, son of Rev. L. E. Stacy, will enter Cornell University at the beginning of the coming year. He has been an assistant in the faculty of the North Carolina University the past year.

Dr. H. S. Bradley, who is now closing four years at Trinity Church, Atlanta, Ga., is being strongly urged by friends for the presidency of the State School of Technology, located in Atlanta.

As many as ten appointments in the Missouri Conference were left to be supplied. One of the reasons for this shortage is the unusual number of young preachers who are to attend Central College this year.—Exchange.

Rev. L. E. Sawyer announces that the church at Farmville will be dedicated on the second Sunday in October. Rev. J. D. Bundy will preach the dedicatory sermon. All former pastors are earnestly invited to be present.

Miss Sallie Lowder, daughter of Rev. J. M. Lowder, of Aurora Circuit, has given herself to the regular work and will enter the Scarritt Bible and Training School at Kansas City to prepare for the life of a deaconess of the Methodist Church.

The following note comes to us from Rev. W. R. Royall: "Our church at Troy has paid the debt of \$3,000, and will be dedicated by Dr. John C. Kilgo the second Sunday in October. All former pastors and presiding elders are invited to attend the dedication."

It was an occasion of great interest for the Carthage Methodists on last Sunday. The beautiful new church was dedicated, and Dr. Kilgo preached two great sermons. The pastor, Rev. R. H. Broome, is finishing up a most successful year on Carthage Circuit.

Mr. V. C. Matthews, one of the students of Trinity College, was called home last Friday morning on account of the death of his brother. He received the sad intelligence that his brother Mack was killed that morning at his father's cotton gin by the head-beam falling and striking him on the head.

Brother Waddell continues to improve. He is in and out at the Advocate office this week and begins to speak of and work at things with his accustomed vigor. He moves with his family to Landrum this week. We hope to have him resume charge of Advocate affairs by October 15th.—Southern Christian Advocate.

We omitted in our article on another page the mention of Davenport Female College at Lenoir. This institution, under the presidency of Dr. C. C. Weaver, is enjoying one of its most prosperous sessions. There are eighty or more boarding pupils. The old building has been greatly enlarged, and a handsome new annex is about finished.

There will be a series of sermons in the Methodist church beginning next Sunday at 11 a. m. The pastor, Rev. Mr. Rose, will have with him Rev. D. H. Coman, a preacher of more than local reputation. Mr. Coman is a member of the Western North Carolina Conference, and now lives at Lenoir. The pastor most cordially invites all the people to attend these services. We trust that much good will be accomplished.—Williamston Enterprise.

Rev. F. M. Shamburger asks us to announce that the Methodist church in Oxford, N. C., will be dedicated on the first Sunday in November, 1905, by Bishop John C. Graubery. All the former pastors of Oxford Station, especially those who were connected with building the church, are earnestly requested to be present.

President Rhodes sends us the following bit of history: "Littleton Female College had present on the first day: In 1901, 80 boarding pupils; in 1902, 115 boarding pupils; in 1903, 127 boarding pupils; in 1904, 157 boarding pupils; in 1905, 165 boarding pupils. The matriculation of boarding pupils within the first week of the present scholastic year has reached 186."

Rev. W. P. Constable, Columbia Circuit, writes: "We are in the midst of our revival season and are having fine meetings. Genuine revivals of religion, and have so far received thirty additions. We are having a fine meeting in Columbia this week, in which we are assisted by Bro. E. C. Glenn, who is doing fine work, and we are having a successful meeting. Will report later. Am closing my fourth year in good shape."

Rev. A. B. Hunter, of the Holston Conference, spent last Wednesday in Raleigh. He was just from the Stuart meetings at High Point where he had been assisting as singer. He conducted prayer-meeting in Edenton Street Church at night and delighted and instructed the people with his talk and with his singing. He is a member of the famous Holston singing trio. The Raleigh Methodists will always be glad to see him.

The following is from Rev. J. A. Lee, who is well-known to North Carolina Methodists: "During this present year I have taken a four months' treatment by a specialist, and now have better general health than for fifteen or twenty years. I expect to enter the effective ranks at the approaching session of our Conference. I fully believe that I am now better prepared for full service, with better results, than I have ever been. I long to be in the active work again, for it is very hard to 'only stand and wait.'"

Rev. Mr. Seabolt is conducting a meeting at the Methodist church at Steele's Mill, Richmond Circuit, which has been in progress for more than a week. Numbers have been converted and the church greatly revived. Rev. A. J. Groves, pastor of the Roberdel Circuit, has just closed an excellent meeting at the Roberdel Methodist Church. The series of services continued for a week or more, and was prolific in results. Backsliders were reclaimed, sinners converted, the membership revived and the community aroused. It was after ye olden time style and results.—Richmond Headlight.

Rev. George Stuart is conducting a very successful meeting in Durham. Much interest is being manifested by the immense congregations.

All the Protestant churches in Greensboro began simultaneous meetings last Sunday. In some of the churches outside preachers are assisting, but in the Methodist churches the pastors are doing their own preaching. The men hold a mid-day prayer-meeting, and so far the interest seems good. Dr. Detwiler was largely instrumental in securing the co-operation of the churches of the city in this united effort to help Greensboro.—North Carolina Christian Advocate.

Rev. D. M. Giles left Saturday for his home in East Durham. He was here all of last week assisting Rev. D. N. Caviness in a protracted meeting. Services were held in the M. E. church at night and prayer-meetings in the day at different homes. Much interest was manifested during the entire meeting, and the church was filled at every service. Rev. Mr. Giles is one of the most forceful and consecrated preachers we have ever had with us, and everybody was pleased with his practical sermons. Much good has been accomplished. Rev. Mr. Caviness has been untiring in his efforts to have a good meeting, and he has had it.—Burlington News.

With Other Editors.

(Epworth Era.)

The religious teachers of to-day who are likely to stand in the way of the Church's true progress in doctrine and experience are those who, on the one hand, cling to the letter of old and worn-out theological statements, and those who, on the other, misinterpret the need of new terms as the need of new doctrines, and so go off after novelities and heresies. It is coming to be a fashion with the truly great theological leaders of to-day to state all matters of belief in, as nearly as may be possible, the exact language of Scripture. Especially is this desirable in dealing with those doctrines that are mooted in the schools. This habit will sooner or later bring the whole Christian world into a unity of view.

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(St. Louis Christian Advocate.)

Better not remember or inquire as to the number of members reported last year; simply count—carefully count—all those now on the register, after the church conference has canvassed the list of names, for unquestionably this must be correct in law. You may have failed to hold church conference; you may have failed yourself to make such changes in the record as your office authorized, such as adding all names regularly received into the church in any way, and removing any that have died, withdrawn without letter or removed with certificate. Further than this you cannot go. But, however deficient, the record must stand until changed.

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(Baltimore-Richmond Christian Advocate.)

A man who has accomplished the dire work of eliminating his conscience is unworthy a place in any civilized community. He should be assigned to the jail or to the insane asylum, as experts might determine after inquiring into both his mental and moral condition. When a man says that he yields to every temptation that presents itself, and does just what he wishes to do, he is too dangerous a character to be at large. He should be restricted at least as to his possibility of doing harm to others.

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(Nashville Christian Advocate.)

A few lines we once chanced to write objecting to "rings" and "cliques" among ministers were widely quoted by our exchanges. From this we infer that the sentiment is one which commends itself to the thoughtful. May we venture therefore to repeat it now and with a little added emphasis because of the approaching election of delegates to the General Conference? Let us have no trading, no combining, no wire-pulling. Let the office of delegate, as well as the offices to be next May within the gift of the delegates, seek the man, not the man the office.

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(Alabama Christian Advocate.)

During the last few years this country has enjoyed unprecedented prosperity, but statistics show that the preachers have not particularly shared in this prosperity. The census tables show that from 1890 to 1905 the cost of living increased 40 per cent. The market value of the commodities produced by the South shows an even larger percentage of increase and hence the people for the most part are prosperous. But how is it with the preachers? Statistics show that the increase in the salaries paid preachers has been a little under 4 per cent. These facts and figures ought to appeal strongly to our people to pay in full the assessment for the support of the ministry.

Bishop Candler Speaks.

To the Epworth Leaguers of North Carolina: It is very important that the church at Santiago de Las Vegas, Cuba, should be erected during the dry season on the Island, which is just now beginning. It is less expensive to build during the dry season and the work lasts better.

The Treasurer of the Board of Missions at Nashville, Tenn., Bro. J. D. Hamilton, has some funds in hand for this purpose, but not enough by half.

Will not the Epworth Leaguers send funds to Brother Hamilton at once that this good work may go forward without delay? It is a very important and a very urgent work.

WARREN A. CANDLER.

Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, author of "In His Steps," was engaged to preach in Portland in the auditorium of the Lewis and Clark Fair on a recent Sunday afternoon. When he found that the management of the Exposition had not kept faith in regard to Sunday closing of the concessions, he refused to fill his engagement and preached twice to throngs in the First Presbyterian and First Congregational Churches.—Exchange.