

Editorial

THE EXTRA SESSION.

Governor Glenn has called an extra session of the Legislature to begin next Tuesday, January 21st. Whatever views our people may have on the wisdom or unwisdom of the Governor's action, it will do no good to express and discuss those views now. The extra session has been called and it is incumbent upon all good citizens to lend all their efforts to the accomplishment of the greatest good possible.

The purpose for which the extra session was called is really to undo the wrong which was done to the railroads by the Legislature at its last session in fixing the passenger rates at 2½ cents per mile. The calling of the extra session in a practical proclamation to the effect that the Legislature made a mistake, and the extra session will be a most vivid illustration of the evil of passing hurriedly and heatedly legislation which has not been demanded by the people and which is fathered by unwise and overzealous men whose main object is to satisfy feelings not altogether patriotic. The consensus of opinion in the last Legislature really favored a higher rate than that which was fixed, but under the whip and spur of over-zealous leaders, the lower rate was pushed through. Now the mistake has been acknowledged, and it is hoped that wiser counsels will prevail and that the legislation enacted at the extra session may prove fair both to the State and to the railroads.

It seems now that the passage of a prohibition bill for the whole State is inevitable. Everything being equal, we would not approve of any other action at the extra session than for which it was specifically called. But things are not equal. We face a situation which shows that a majority of the citizens of the State favor State prohibition, while here and there in the State are places where liquor is entrenched and will be entrenched for a long time. This in itself is not the compelling factor. It is the fact that these same places are able to debauch as far as the sale of liquor is concerned the whole State. Take Raleigh, for instance. Raleigh is a prohibition city, yet there is a little place called Pine Level on the Southern Railroad between Selma and Goldsboro which is now supplying liquor to Raleigh in large quantities. Nothing but State prohibition can reach such a place as Pine Level.

The eyes of the whole State will be turned on the extra session. Important interests are at stake. May the wisest counsels prevail in order that there may be the wisest and best outcome.

"THE NORTH CAROLINA PLAN."

"We produce here from the North Carolina Christian Advocate some editorial remarks about the circulation of that paper. We produce the clipping both because of the news it contains and because what our good brother says is as applicable to Arkansas and Oklahoma as it is to Western North Carolina. The boast of Brother Blair as to how his paper has stimulated others is a just boast. The Western Methodist has taken pleasure in referring to the plan they have followed as 'The North Carolina'—it is the plan we operated on last year, the plan of letting the Conferences say how many new subscribers they would raise, and apportioning this number to the several charges, just as the collections are apportioned, and then going after them just as we go after the collections. Our North Carolina brethren are now entering upon their fourth year of this method—with what gratifying results may be seen from the excerpt. We believe the North Carolina Christian Advocate right when it claims that every interest of the Church has been quickened by this campaign, even to the payment of the salaries of the pastors themselves. A preacher is not working for nothing, nor working mere-

ly for the paper, when he is putting a live Conference organ into the homes of the people. If the paper cannot do more for him and for all he stands for than he does for it, in putting it into the homes of his people, then we are in poor business running a paper at all."

The Western Methodist did not say what it might have said, that the North Carolina Christian Advocate by working the above plan secured nearly 4,000 new subscribers in the last two years. The North Carolina Christian Advocate has now about the same number of subscribers as the "Old Raleigh," and is working for a list of 10,000 by May. They will reach the goal, for they have a plan. Will the "Old Raleigh" be outstripped? No; if the North Carolina Plan is worked.

SECTION OF THE LATE POSTAL LAW RELATING TO SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Office of Postmaster-General,
Washington, Dec. 4, 1907.

Order No. 907. Section 435.

Renewals of Subscriptions.—3. A reasonable time will be allowed publishers to secure renewals of subscriptions, but unless subscriptions are expressly renewed, after the term for which they are paid, within the following periods—dailies within three months, tri-weeklies within six months, semi-weeklies within nine months, weeklies within one year, semi-monthlies within four months, bi-monthlies within six months, quarterlies within six months—they shall not be counted in the legitimate list of subscribers, and copies mailed on account thereof shall not be accepted for mailing at the second-class postage rate of 1 cent a pound, but may be mailed at the transient second-class postage rate of 1 cent for each four ounces or fraction thereof, prepaid by stamps affixed. The right of a publisher to extend credit for subscriptions to his publication is not denied or questioned, but his compliance or non-compliance with this regulation will be taken into consideration in determining whether the publication is entitled to transmission at the second-class postage rates.

STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Raleigh Advocate Publishing Company will be held in the Advocate office at 8 p. m., February 4, 1908. All interested will please take notice.
M. T. PLYLER, Secretary.

THE SOUTHERN METHODIST HANDBOOK FOR 1908.

The Handbook is now ready for delivery at 25 cents per copy plus five cents for postage. We candidly believe that the Handbook for 1908 far surpasses any yet issued. It contains twice as many illustrations as before. The matter is better arranged, more condensed, and more carefully chosen with reference to the information needed by the people.

The Handbook for 1908 is not a revision. It is a new book out and out. There is not a Methodist in the State who does not need the book. The ignorance of many of our people, and even of some of our preachers, on the status, operations, and workers of our great Church is something appalling. To make our people know their Church is the object of the Handbook.

No other publisher would think of preparing and publishing such a book as the Handbook and selling it for less than 75 cents per copy. All you have to do is to send 25 cents and five cents postage and receive one of the most useful books published in our Church. It is the only Year Book of the Church. Send your order at once.

Dr. L. L. Nash has made a splendid start on his new work, St. John and Gibson. On the fifth Sunday in January there were five penitents at the altar at St. John's and two accessions at Gibson. The health of Mrs. Nash has not yet allowed her to join her husband at Gibson. Dr. Nash, we prophesy, will have a great year on his new charge.

Littleton College and Central Academy, under the management of the same Board of Trustees, at Littleton, N. C., have both had the largest gathering of pupils for the spring work in the history of either one of these most prosperous institutions, and the indications now are that both schools will be full to overflowing during the spring.

Rev. E. E. Rose passed through Raleigh on last Friday and made the Advocate a pleasant visit. He was on his way to his new charge, Mt. Olive. He has been detained at Bynums on account of sickness in his family. His family will join him at Mount Olive in a few weeks. Brother Rose is a man who always does the best kind of work, and we look for a successful year for him at Mount Olive.

Rev. J. W. Autrey, pastor of the Methodist church, preached his first sermon here Sunday morning to a large congregation. Rev. Autrey is a fine speaker, and delivered his sermon with much power. Mr. Autrey was united in marriage last week to Miss Beulah Green of Durham. Mrs. Autrey will arrive this week and the happy pair will reside at the Murfreesboro Hotel.—Murfreesboro Cor. Roanoke-Chowan Times.

At the recent session of the Alabama Conference the agent for the Superannuate Home Movement report that they have seventeen homes occupied and two recently vacated. They will likely be occupied at the opening of the new Conference year. What an excellent movement this is, furnishing homes to those who have worn themselves out in the work of the ministry, and have come down to old age with limited means and no place to go where they can spend their last days in comfort.

During the third fiscal year Legislatures in eighteen States enacted child labor laws of importance, Florida placing a law on the statute books for the first time. Alabama, Maine, Missouri, Nebraska, New York, Vermont, Minnesota, Idaho, Tennessee, and South Carolina enacted important amendments. In the campaigns in North and South Carolina, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Nebraska, Maine, New York, and Missouri the National Child Labor Committee, either directly or through its State Committees, rendered valuable aid.

Rev. Hight C. Moore has been chosen editor of the Biblical Recorder to succeed Rev. C. W. Blanchard, who has so creditably edited the paper since early in 1907. We regret to lose Brother Blanchard, but give to the new editor our heartiest welcome. He is most admirably fitted for editorial work, being an accomplished writer and a man of great influence in his denomination. The early days of both the new editor of the Recorder and the editor of the "Old Raleigh" were spent under the shadows of Grandfather Mountain in "Old Caldwell." And again, we have met in the "land of the tripod."

During the holidays there was a very enjoyable reunion of the family of the late Moses J. Hunt at the home of Mr. J. T. Hunt, in this city. The Telegram reporting, says: "All of the children and grandchildren were present save Mr. Ed. T. Hunt and three children, of Oregon, and Mrs. Frank F. Jones, of Charlotte, a grand-child. Those present were: Mr. John T. Hunt, wife and three children; Mrs. S. J. Hunt, Mrs. L. B. Sadler and seven children; Mr. Will B. Hunt, wife and five children; Mr. J. Harvin Hunt, wife and two children of this city; Rev. Robt. E. Hunt, wife and child, Stantonsburg; C. W. Hunt, Charlotte, and Mr. P. M. Hunt, a nephew, wife and five children; Mr. and Mrs. Hamp Cousins and Mrs. J. A. Cousins, of Greensboro. In all, there were forty-two present.

The Quiet Hour for January-March, 1908, has reached us. This is a most helpful little periodical, and should be read by every Methodist.