



Correspondents' Department



MATTAMUSKEET.

Dear Advocate:—We have been having such a good time down here on Mattamuskeet that we haven't had time to stop and tell you about it. This is a great country and there are still greater things in the not far future for all this "neck of the woods."

Our church work, I think, has been growing some. Our Sunday-schools are doing splendid work and the women are very much alive in their various societies. The ladies in Englehard are going to build a new church if the men will just get out of their way. I think they have over three hundred dollars in the hands of the treasurer of their Aid Society. Good. We paid our Mission assessment in full on Easter Sunday and nearly 50 per cent on all the other Conference Collections. We had already paid at that time our Orphanage assessment of eighty dollars, and thirteen dollars over.

These are as good people to serve as I or any other man may hope to find.

R. R. GRANT.

Lake Landing, N. C., May 10, 1910.

BLADEN CIRCUIT.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—It seems quite the popular thing for a preacher, after having suffered one of those "poundings," to pour out (or spread out) his complaint before the Editor of the Advocate as a sort of retaliation. This writer experienced one such occasion and promptly did the "popular thing."

But the people on this charge are perhaps a trifle peculiar in their method of pounding the preacher, exactly in line, however, with those good people in Sampson who make Brother Merritt's buggy a kind of delivery wagon. We are not much troubled with frequent storms of generosity that burst into the privacy of the parsonage and spend their fury in the dining room, but are blessed and kept grateful by the gentle streams of substantial kindness that have their principal sources about the eight churches and are joined by numerous tributaries as they pursue their meandering courses to empty at the parsonage door. Sometimes there comes a chicken (a fine representative of the choice diet of a Methodist preacher); or again, two of them, and in one case five sent by mail; then again comes a whole box of home-canned fruit from one source, then a succession of smaller contributions of the same kind from various directions; then in season a good liberal helping of the choicest strawberries, milk to go with them, and butter for the biscuit, to make the supper complete; then a ham and a "Tom Thumb." And so we might go on to detail the kindnesses received; but forbear to arouse envy.

If "it is more blessed to give than to receive (and we dare not doubt it), the people of Bladen Circuit must be enjoying much blessedness this year. And we are hoping and praying that there may come "showings of blessings" to all through the revival services for which we are planning. Truly "the fields are white to the harvest"; there are many who need to be saved from sin, and we are trusting that God may use our efforts as a means of bring-

ing to many hearts blessings that shall far outweigh all the material things with which such loyal people delight to express appreciation of a pastor.

We are expecting to have Children's Day exercises at most of the churches on the charge; to make one feature of the service the baptism of any infants whom parents desire to have baptized, and hope there will be sufficient evidence of loyalty to the Methodist faith to warrant a report that shall give Uncle Betts great pleasure when he hears it.

Brethren, pray that Bladen Circuit (pastor and people together) may have this year a mighty revival of religion and a rich harvest of souls for the Master.

Sincerely,

D. H. REED.

White Oak, May 11, 1910.

BLADEN STREET, WILMINGTON.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—We have just closed a great revival at Bladen Street Church, Dr. L. L. Nash, D.D., preached for us 15 days. He gave us a gospel sermon at every service and his sermons reached the heart of a responsive congregation. Large crowds attended throughout the meeting. Back-slidden ones were reclaimed, Christians were revived, the irreligious were converted, and a goodly number were added to the church. We have had a revival of religion that will last.

Fraternally,

W. L. REXFORD.

Wilmington, N. C.

STRAITS, N. C.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I must tell you of the great treat my people and myself enjoyed on Saturday, the 7th. Dr. Zollicoffer came and made a speech which was highly appreciated and enjoyed by all who heard it. We feel that all who made the effort, and sacrifice of time, though it was a busy day, were more than repaid. The only regret expressed was that he could not stay longer. Our people turned out splendidly, gave him a large congregation, and I am sure much good will follow from his labors. I want to say to the laymen who do not understand the Laymen's Movement, and who are not organized, urge your preacher to send for Dr. Zollicoffer and, hear him; you will no longer doubt as to your duty.

W. E. TROTMAN.

Straits, N. C.

ORIENTAL LAYMEN'S MEETING.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Oriental Methodist Episcopal Church served an elaborate supper to the Laymen of the community in Smith's Hall Monday night, May 9th. Service was prepared for one hundred plates. Following the supper the Toastmaster, Mr. C. V. Parker, introduced as the first speaker Mr. Ephraim McClees, the lay leader of the Oriental church. He extended a hearty welcome to the out-of-town speakers, Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer, of Weldon, and Mr. W. W. Arendell, of Morehead City. The former responded to the toast "The Laymen's Movement." His response sparkled with the speakers' characteristic enthusiasm. Mr. Arendell spoke to the

toast "Church Finances." After calling upon the pastor for a few remarks the toastmaster concluded the speaking by making a strong forceful plea to the laymen to arise to the opportunity at hand.

W. P.

Oriental, N. C., May 10, 1910.

KENNEKEET.

Dear Dr. Ivey:—I want to tell you about our Sunday-schools down here on Kennekeet charge. On Friday, April 29th we had quite a good time at Kennekeet church. We had a good sermon, preached by Rev. J. A. Martin, at 11 a. m., and at 2.30 p. m., our Sunday-school from Chicamacomico and Kennekeet met and gave us quite an entertainment. Miss Sikes led the music for Chicamacomico choir, and they did good singing. They also had some fine recitations. Miss Leona Gaskins is our organist at Kennekeet and a leader in our Sunday-school. She teaches a class of girls and is also teaching public school. Miss Gaskins is a great blessing to the community and is a great help to the pastor and superintendent. We also had with us our beloved presiding elder, Brother Broom, and Revs. A. W. Price and J. A. Martin. These brethren all made addresses. Brother Price preached at night, and Saturday, April 30th, our Second Quarterly Conference convened. Brother Broom preached at 11 a. m. and again at night and also Sunday, morning and night. We raised over sixty dollars for under-pinning our church. The work will begin at once. We think this meeting did much good.

And I will say here, that to my surprise, Friday afternoon when I came to the parsonage, lo and behold! there was a cart backed up to the gate which was about loaded with good things to eat, and just such a pounding as we get. Bro. D. L. Gray from Clark's was the one that delivered these good things from the people of Clarks. May God's blessings be upon those good people.

R. L. BEASLEY.

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES.

The present Junior Class held a meeting a few days ago for the election of the editor and manager of the Archive for next year. Mr. C. H. Hutchings, of Durham, was elected Editor-in-Chief, and Mr. E. C. Cheek, of Durham, Manager. This publication is issued by the Senior Class.

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At a meeting of the Columbian Literary Society held last Saturday evening the officers for next year were elected. They are R. D. Korner, President; L. I. Jaffe, Vice President; W. H. Muse, Recording Secretary; A. D. Byrd, Marshall. The representatives of the society in the Debate Council are G. W., Vick and R. D. Cherry.

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A meeting of the students was held in the Y. M. C. A. Hall Monday evening, at which time a "Greater Trinity" Club was formed. This movement, which originated with the students, promises to be a most significant one. The membership of the Club will be large, and

the object of the organization is to advance the interests of the college in every way possible. The officers of the Association are: W. B. West, President; H. G. Hedrick, Vice President; W. G. Matton, Corresponding Secretary; F. S. Bennett, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Executive Committee is composed of the officers and one representative from each of the undergraduate classes. Professor R. L. Flowers was elected by the Club to act as a member of the committee.

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To-night the annual Sophomore Debate will be held in the Craven Memorial Hall at 8 o'clock. Dr. Frank C. Brown, of the English Department, announces the following men as eligible to enter the contest: Paul Best, Goldsboro, N. C.; R. G. Cherry, Gastonia, N. C.; W. E. Eller, Clinton, N. C.; J. W. Harbison, Morganton, N. C.; E. L. Jones, Charlotte, N. C.; E. J. Londow, Asheville, N. C.; H. A. McKinnon, Maxton, N. C.; W. G. Sheppard, Farmville, N. C.; C. F. Starnes, Candler, N. C.

These men are selected for having done the best work in argumentative composition during the spring term.

The query to be discussed is: Resolved, That women should have the right to vote in the United States. The speakers have the right to close either side of the question that they prefer. The contest is for a handsome set of books presented each year for this purpose by Mr. James H. Southgate, of Durham, N. C.

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Prof. A. H. Merritt has returned from Arcadia Academy, where he delivered the address at the closing exercises of the school.

LAYMEN'S RALLY DAY.

A great Laymen's Rally Day at Salem Church, on the Goldsboro Circuit, to be held Saturday preceding the fifth Sunday in May and also embracing Sunday. Dr. D. B. Zollicoffer will have charge. Services to begin both days promptly at 10 a. m. Dinner will be served both days on the grounds.

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IMPORTANT TO FARMERS.

The U. S. Department of Agriculture has just issued the Agricultural Year Book for 1909 and has allotted a limited number of them to each Congressman.

It is a very valuable book, especially to farmers, and in order to place it in the hands of those who may want it and would appreciate it, and to avoid sending it to any one who would not care for it, Congressman Pou, of the Fourth District, announces that, until his quota is exhausted, any constituent of his can get a copy by addressing a postal card to E. W. Pou, M. C., Washington, D. C.

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