

who came and for many who did not come. We thank Brother Stanford for ours at the parsonage. We never find better ones anywhere. Sometimes we find them more luxuriously furnished and sometimes the tables elsewhere are more heavily burdened, but in these parsonages we have always found a plenty and that which was good enough for the physical man, and royal hearts to hold fellowship with while we have feasted. May God's blessings continue to abide on them, and may the one at Maysville be no exception!

THE METHODIST ORPHANAGE.

THIS is one of the youngest institutions of our Church and one of the most flourishing. It is indeed a dead heart to which the cry of the orphan does not make an appeal, and these orphans are abroad in the land. And we have at the head of our Orphanage a wise man. The people have confidence in his management of the institution and in his leadership upon this question; and this confidence is not misplaced. His heart is in his work, and he knows how to enlist others. Through the year he has gone up and down in the State, or this eastern section of it, preaching the gospel of mercy and laying the cause of the orphan child upon the hearts of our people. They have responded liberally to his appeals, but none too liberally.

The Board of Trustees met in annual session on last Friday at noon, and listened to the report of the Superintendent. It was a great report. We are publishing it in another column, and we trust that every reader of the advocate will turn to it and read it. It contains information that you ought to know, and that will inspire you to do more for the orphan child. There is one fact that ought to stir every conscience—the fact that the institution has been compelled to turn away more applicants during the year than we now have in the institution. The latter number is 140. The average cost for education and maintenance per child for the past year has been \$98.82, or \$8.24 per month. A comparison with other orphanages shows this to be less than any other orphanage in the State—a fact which in itself speaks volumes for the economy of the administration.

Some noble gifts have come to the institution the past year. Notable among these is the gift of that noble woman, Mrs. Mary J. Jackson, Kinston, N. C. While she yet lives to see the blessings of her generous donation, she has set apart ten thousand dollars to build a dormitory for girls, similar to the building for boys now nearing completion. Hon. and Mrs. F. A. Woodward, Wilson, N. C., have beautifully furnished the library, the cost of which has not been made public. Two bequests have recently come to the Orphanage: One by Mrs. Mary E. Lang, Farmville, N. C., of \$500, and the other by Mrs. Margaret C. Closs, Durham, N. C., of \$1,000.

Besides the building for girls to be erected by Mrs. Mary J. Jackson another similar building for girls was authorized by the Board of Trustees to be built as the funds may be secured by subscription. The demand for enlarged facilities is made clear by the large number of applicants for admission to the institution who have to be turned away for lack of room and sufficient income to support them. But we shall get both as the years go by. Our Orphanage is enjoying great prosperity under the wise management of Brother Cole, and its growth is all that we could reasonably expect. Our people are going to respond more and more liberally to its support, and its beneficent work will be an increasing one through the coming years.

Rev. T. N. Ivey, D.D., editor of the Christian Advocate (Nashville,) passed through Raleigh recently and honored the Advocate office with a call. Unfortunately for us we were out of the city in attendance upon a District Conference and missed his visit. He has been spending sometime at Morehead City for rest and recreation.

Personal & Otherwise

Bishop Kilgo held the Winston District Conference last week. It convened in Lexington, N. C.

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Rev. S. J. McConnell is holding revival services at Shiloh Methodist Church on the Montgomery Circuit this week.

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Rev. W. R. Royall is spending a few days with his wife and little son, who are visiting Mrs. Royall's people in Troy.

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Rev. C. C. Brothers called at the Advocate office a few days ago. He is in the best of health and is enjoying his work.

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Mr. R. L. Brown called at the Advocate office one day last week. We regret that our absence prevented the pleasure of seeing him.

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Dr. W. B. North was called to Durham last week to see his son, Paul, who is quite sick in a hospital there.—Roanoke-Chowan Times.

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Rev. A. D. Betts writes that Pastor Chaffin preached one of the best sermons he ever heard at Fuquay Springs last Sunday on Parental Responsibility.

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Elm Street, Goldsboro, is a new church, but it is at work. They have organized an Epworth League and a Bright Jewel Band, and are training and using their young people.

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Rev. N. H. D. Wilson requests us to state that mail addressed to himself or Mrs. Wilson will reach him more promptly through the summer months at Chapel Hill, N. C.

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Children's Day services at Central Cross on the fifth Sunday in June were just delightful, and they were attended by at least two hundred people. Rev. J. W. Frank was present and preached in the afternoon.—The Commonwealth.

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Chancellor Kirkland, of Vanderbilt University, has been tentatively offered the Presidency of the University of Arkansas. We understand that he has the matter under advisement, but has not yet decided what he will do.

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The Pastor's Helper, Vol. I., No. 1, has reached our desk. It is published at Windsor in the interest of Bertie Circuit, and is edited by the pastor, Rev. J. G. Johnson. Its columns carry needed information for the people on the Circuit, and we wish the enterprise much success.

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Last Sunday was Memorial Day at Cool Springs Church. Regular funeral songs were used in the service in the church and the pastor, Rev. E. E. Rose, made remarks befitting the occasion, after which all went to the grave yard and decorated the resting places of the departed.—Moore County News.

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Rev. R. F. Taylor, Jenkins Memorial and Apex, writes: "We had a pleasant day at our church yesterday, good congregations at both services. I expect to start a canvass for the Advocate this week." Brother Taylor is forging ahead on that debt, and we trust that he will soon be relieved of this extra burden.

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Rev. C. B. Culbreth, Mangum Street Church, Durham, writes: "Bro. G. F. Smith, pastor of Memorial Church, Durham, is assisting us at Mangum Street Church in a revival. We believe that the revival spirit is already taking hold of the Church, and the outlook is very promising. The altar was nearly full at the Sunday morning service, and several were happily converted. At the evening service there was one of the brightest conversions we have seen during the whole meeting. We are expecting a great revival. Pray for us."

Miss Lily May McNeill, of Grace Church, Wilmington, who recently graduated as a nurse at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, has been accepted as a missionary by the Board of Missions, and has been assigned to Mexico. She will go to her station in September.

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The saddest feature of the Wilmington District Conference was the serious illness of Bro. E. H. Waters. Brother Waters is one of the most faithful officials of the Maysville Church and had looked forward to the coming of the Conference with anticipations of great pleasure. He lies ill unto death, his friends fear. Unceasing prayer was made for him and his family.

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The work on the new West dormitory at Trinity College is progressing rapidly. The building is now ready for the roofing, and as soon as it is covered the plastering will be begun. This dormitory contains seventy-two rooms for students. The rooms may be rented singly or in suites. The contractor promises that the building will be ready for occupancy by September first.

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Rev. C. W. Smith, Raeford Circuit, writes: "We held our Children's Day services at Bowman's yesterday (July 7). The exercises were good and a good collection was taken, \$7.00. We have a fine Sunday-school at Raeford, have grown in the last few months from an enrollment of ninety to 148. Children's Day was held the fourth Sunday in June, and the collection was \$20.00. Bro. J. W. Moore is superintendent of this school, and it would be hard to find a better one anywhere."

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Rev. B. C. Thompson, Warren Circuit, writes: "We are moving along nicely. Will begin a meeting at Arcola third Sunday in July. Just had another pounding—this time from Sarepta—and it was a big one. Hams, sugar, and other groceries too numerous to mention; and yesterday my horse was pounded with a load of nice old fodder, and I take the privilege of expressing his gratitude for same. Those people at Sarepta are as good as they know how to be, and at the other churches also. Come to see us and spend a week in some of our protracted meetings in July or August."

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Bro. J. H. Hill, Folkstone, returning from the Wilmington District Conference at Maysville, writes: "I certainly enjoyed being with the brethren. The Holy Spirit was manifestly present in the meeting. I could not stay till Conference adjourned, being called home to the bedside of my sick wife. Pray with me that God will speedily restore her to health that we may be about our duty. We can see very plainly the need of laborers in the field. May God send us forth with a determination that will conquer sin and Satan through the power of the Christ."

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The report of Mrs. J. F. Ray, District Secretary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Rockingham District, for the second quarter shows a total for the quarter of \$935.90. The Society at Laurinburg supports its own missionary. This in addition to the church's missionary gives Brother Humble's people two special missionaries. Then two elect ladies of that district support a missionary. This remarkable report results from the wise methods of the consecrated secretary who keeps first things first, emphasizing above all things the spirit of prayer. Mrs. Ray is a daughter of the late Rev. T. J. Gattis.

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We regret to learn that the father of Reverends Y. E. and J. M. Wright has suffered a second stroke of paralysis and is steadily sinking. Brother Wright's home is at Old Hundred, N. C., but for some months he has been visiting his son, Rev. Y. E. Wright, at Rose Hill. We travelled from New Bern to Goldsboro with Rev. J. M. Wright last Thursday morning. He had received a telegram on the preceding night to the effect that his father was in extremis and was not expected to survive many hours. We have watched the papers, but have seen nor heard any further news. Let the prayers of the Church rise for the sufferer and for his stricken family.