

speculations of the human mind, and lounge too much in the atmosphere of uncertainty. The interrogation point grows too large in our mental vision, and the spiritual powers of our being become inverted. It is refreshing to get back from such an atmosphere and read "Verily, verily, I say unto you" from the lips of Christ, and feel that you are standing upon a solid foundation. Personally in so doing we have often felt that we had come out of some terrible fog bank and entered a new world filled with pure air and clear sunlight. "Preaching to the times" may be good, but preaching the Bible to weary burdened men and women in the light of the conditions under which they live is infinitely better. Adapting one's religion to the environment in which he is cast may have its virtues, but molding the environments in which one finds himself according to the requirements of the religion which God has revealed to us in His Word is surcharged with a far greater saving power. Modern life may have its lessons for us, and we of today may stand upon the crest of human achievements; but all that is best in the life of today has its basis in the old Book and the fullness of its wisdom has never yet been attained unto. We are not wise above what is written—not except in our own conceit sometimes, and then we are in most imminent peril.

If at the beginning of this Conference year, as pastors and people, we will come back to these simple first principles, and throw ourselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit against the difficulties that confront us, we shall see great things accomplished in the days that are ahead of us. Wondrous possibilities now concealed from our view will unfold themselves to us, and the kingdom of our Christ will go forward to nobler achievements.

### Personal & Otherwise

Dr. E. C. Brooks, of Trinity College, addressed a school rally at Ansonville on Thanksgiving day.

Rev. N. L. Seabolt is delighted with the fact that he is let remain in Lumberton, but not any more so than is his many friends here.—Robesonian.

Troy welcomes Rev. J. T. Draper back for another year. Mr. Draper is a fearless and conscientious worker in his Master's business.—Montgomerian.

Hon. Tasker Polk ably and appropriately addressed a citizens' meeting in Warrenton Sunday, and approximately \$150 was added to the Belgian Relief Fund.

His many friends here of all denominations are much pleased that Rev. W. F. Craven has been retained as pastor of the Pittsboro Circuit.—Chatham Record.

Will the preachers who change places please notify us when to change the address of their Advocates? Do not depend upon us to find out where you are and change it without your request.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. Chas. E. Jackson, a prominent business man and Methodist layman of Warrenton, who has been in a Richmond Hospital for several weeks, has returned home.

It is time now that you were ordering that Bible for Christmas. We have a fine selection advertised in this issue of the Advocate and at remarkably low prices. Better make your selection now.

Now that the financial stress of getting full financial reports for Conference is over, we beg that our pastors and delinquent subscribers will remember us. We do not wish to lose a subscriber, and we greatly need the renewals that are due us.

Not all of the changes of dates on the labels of renewals brought in at Conference will appear this week. We expect to complete this work by next week. Then, if your label is not changed as it should be, please notify us.

For the first time in its history a lady has been elected President of the State Teachers' Assembly. This honor falls to Miss Mary Graham, of Charlotte, a sister of E. K. Graham, President of the University of North Carolina.

Let the Presiding Elders remember the action of the Conference that calls for the apportionment of new subscribers to pastoral charges at the meeting of the district stewards. We hope to get a statement to you this week.

Rev. J. E. Holden tells us that he is now about ready to begin the work of building the parsonage for the Ridgeway Circuit, at Norlina. The lot has been secured and he has quite a nice sum of money in the bank to begin with and more to follow.—Norlina Headlight.

There is general satisfaction at the return to Chestnut Street Church, Lumberton, of Rev. Dr. W. B. North. Dr. North has just completed his first year and has greatly endeared himself to the members of his Church, and to the people of Lumberton outside this Church.—Robesonian.

In welcoming Rev. J. T. Stanford back to Williamston the Enterprise says: "Mr. Stanford has endeared himself to the people here by his purity of life and sympathetic interest manifested toward everybody irrespective of creed or station. The Church under his ministry has prospered."

Rev. R. H. Broom's return to the Warrenton Circuit has been most cordially welcomed, and he has entered promptly and earnestly on his labors for the second year. Both the service at the County Home last Sunday afternoon and the one in Warrenton in the evening were well attended.

Rev. C. M. Lance, who has been pastor of the Methodist Church for the last three years, has been returned to the charge for another year. Mr. Lance is a very popular pastor, and his Church members are rejoicing that he is to be here his full four years.—Special from Southport to News and Observer.

It is a pleasure to note that Rev. L. T. Singleton has been returned to Scotland Neck, where he has served faithfully for one year. Both Mr. and Mrs. Singleton have made many friends here who are delighted that they will remain in Scotland Neck.—The Commonwealth.

It is with pleasure we state that Rev. N. C. Yearby was returned to the pastorate here of the Methodist Church. Also that Rev. C. R. Ross and Rev. J. J. Boone were returned to their charges here. The influence of these good men has been felt in this community and every one will rejoice at this good news.—Roxboro Courier.

In speaking of Dr. Gibbs' departure from Washington, the Daily News has this to say: "Dr. Gibbs is one of the State's first preachers and during his residence in this city has not only sustained himself as a speaker of the first mark, but as a citizen has gained a large number of friends. In going to his new home both he and his excellent family have the best wishes of the entire community."

In noting the departure of Rev. C. B. Culbreth from Epworth Church, Raleigh, as pastor the Raleigh Daily Times has the following to say: "The congregation at Epworth is feeling very keenly his going right now, for he has rendered a great service to the people of that section of the city during his year here. His people rejoice with him, however, in his larger field of work and wish for him the greatest success and happiness in Elizabeth City."

Rev. T. N. Ivey, D.D., editor of the Christian Advocate, (Nashville), is spending a few days in the capital city, and gladdened the Advocate office for a short while last Monday. He is closing up his round of the Annual Conferences for the fall, and is in Raleigh to be present at the marriage of his daughter, Miss Ruth Ivey.

Dr. T. N. Ivey, editor of the Christian Advocate, passed through the city last week en route for his Conference in North Carolina. He reports matters as somewhat quiet at the "hub." Dr. Ivey is exactly right in thinking that the headquarters of Southern Methodism ought to come to Atlanta. Be patient, doctor, the time will come when that will be.—Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

A marriage of interest to many of our readers is that of Miss Ruth Ivey, daughter of Rev. T. N. Ivey, D.D., for so many years the efficient editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate, to Hon. M. Leslie Davis, of Beaufort, N. C. The ceremony was performed in the First Baptist Church at 9 o'clock, last Tuesday evening, December 1. The Advocate wishes the young couple all the happiness and success possible in life.

An organization at Trinity College known as "9019" has for four years been holding an annual declamation contest among representatives of the high schools of the State. It comes in connection with Thanksgiving and a medal is given to help stimulate interest. This occasion has been growing in interest from year to year, and this year was the most successful that has been held. The medal was won by Edmund Burdick, of Asheville.

Rev. R. B. John, the new Methodist minister for Smithfield, will preach here Sunday morning and night. Mr. John is no stranger to the Smithfield congregation, having preached here many times while he was Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District. He is one of the ablest men of the Conference and the Smithfield Church has much cause for congratulation on being favored so highly by the recent session of the Conference at Washington.—Smithfield Herald.

Our readers will be glad to see the following item, taken from the Wesleyan Christian Advocate: "Bishop Wilson preached one of his great sermons in the Wesley Memorial Church, Atlanta, last Sunday morning. Except his asthma he is well and looks better than he did in May. His voice also is better than it was then. He left Monday for the South Carolina Conference, where he is to deliver the address at the anniversary of the Board of Church Extension."

Rev. J. D. Pegram spent a few days in Raleigh for medical treatment, returning to Jonesboro Monday afternoon. He is suffering from an enlarged gland on the right side of his chest near the throat. He came to Raleigh rather expecting an operation, but the doctor advised the X-ray treatment instead. He went away without realizing any great improvement, but hopes to in the near future, and his many friends in the Conference will sincerely trust that it may be so.

It is cause for universal gratification that the Rev. John H. Shore has been returned to this city as pastor of the Methodist Church, and our people are duly thankful. During the three years he has worked in this field the cause of Christ has not suffered through any lack of effort on his part. He has through his earnest and masterful effort brought our people to a fuller realization of their duty to their God, their fellowman and themselves. Under his guidance his congregation has done telling work for the Master, has begun and almost completed an edifice whose beauty and grandeur is magnificently expressive of the goodness of spirit and liberality of a people who are reaching for higher things under wise leadership. He has helped Dunn in no small measure and we are profoundly thankful that our community is to be blessed with another year of his service.—Dunn Dispatch.