

Rev. Y. E. Wright Dead

Another member of the North Carolina Conference has gone home. Thursday, April 29, Rev. Yancey E. Wright succumbed to pneumonia and was buried the following day. We leave it to one who has all the facts to give the full details of his life. Our desire is to give pause and show tribute to another itinerant Methodist preacher who seems to have been taken from us too soon. For twenty years he had taken his place in the ranks, often filling hard places on small pay, but he never wavered. He seems to have begun a most, if not his most promising pastorate at Farmville this year, but he is gone.

A man loved by a large line of Churches which he had served, and esteemed by the members of the Conference, Yancey E. Wright lived not his life in vain. His preacher brother, Rev. J. M. Wright, one of the coming young men of the Conference, lives to continue the work of telling the glad tidings.

Our tenderest sympathies go out to the stricken family and bereaved friends who sorrow over the going of our brother.

The School Teacher Abroad in the Land

The Grammar Schools and the High Schools are closing and the teachers and scholars once more go free. How well the teachers have done their work and how many of them have been paid more than they were worth remains for each to answer at the bar of conscience. That some have played false and proved unfaithful goes without doubt, but the great majority have toiled on without complaint and deserve a well-earned respite.

Do we begin to appreciate the magnitude of the work and the numbers engaged in our schools? One has but to read the reports of the county commencement in which thousand after thousand took part to appreciate the multitude of children soon to constitute the body of our citizenship. How important that they have the best the most conscientious can give.

Where are these teachers going to spend the summer and how are they going to improve their time? Some have ambition and money enough to attend a summer school and get rest for body and tonic for mind, sufficient to go through another year's work; others are eager to touch the life and enjoy the instruction of some school, but the salary has been so meager as not to permit such a privilege; while others will dawdle the time away little concerned about efficiency. But, take them all in all, the teachers in North Carolina deserve the fullest appreciation of those taught and the heartiest co-operation of all who desire well of the rising generation. May the best blessings attend the goings of every teacher who is foot-loose for the summer in the search after instruction, recreation and rest.

Since all the Church is interested in the new Universities which are enterprised we append the names of the faculty of the School of Theology of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, as announced by Bishop Mouzon, Dean: Department of English Bible, Paul B. Kern, A. M., B. D., Murfreesboro, Tenn.; Department of Hebrew and Old Testament Interpretation, Ivan Lee Holt, B. D., Ph. D., Cape Girardeau, Missouri; Department of New Testament Greek and Interpretation, Frank Seay, A. M., B. D., Southwestern University; Department of Pastoral Theology and Religious Education, James Kilgore, A. M., D. D., Houston, Texas, with Frank Reedy, A. B., as assistant, who will offer courses in Sunday-school organization; Department of Christian Doctrine, Frank M. Thomas, A. M., B. D., D. D., Louisville, Ky.; Department of Church History, Gross Alexander, B. D., S. T. D., D. D., Nashville, Tenn. The whole Church will rejoice that men of such well known ability have been secured.

Personal & Otherwise

Rev. J. C. Wooten is assisting in a series of meetings at Laurinburg.

The Elizabeth City District Conference will convene in Edenton July 1-4.

Rev. J. G. Johnson, of Selma, began a meeting with the Church at Wendell last week.

The Parkton parsonage has been repainted and Pastor H. B. Porter and wife are now occupying it, pleasantly situated and happy in their work.

The Norlina people, says the Headlight, heard with pleasure Mr. M. W. Brabham's address on the Sunday-school work. They found him wide-awake on this topic.

Rev. C. A. Jones, on the Oxford Circuit, is having fine success in securing the Conference collections by the use of envelopes. His Mission assessments were paid more than a month ago.

Rev. A. L. Ormond, of Maxton, is assisting Rev. J. M. Daniel in a meeting at Jarvis Memorial Church. We trust they may have a gracious revival and spiritual uplift in this important Church of a growing town like Greenville.

The Wendell correspondent of the News and Observer makes this note of the commencement of Wendell High School, Sunday, May 9: "The feature of the Sunday's program will be a sermon by Rev. M. T. Plyler, Presiding Elder of the Raleigh District."

Rev. A. S. Barnes, Superintendent of the Methodist Orphanage at Raleigh, was here for a short while Friday. He told us that he was much interested in Norlina, for the first dollar contributed to the Orphanage was given by a native of this community.—Norlina Headlight.

The Henderson Gold Leaf, (April 30) says that Mrs. R. C. Beaman is getting along nicely at John Hopkins Hospital, where she has been under treatment for some time, and that she will probably be able to come home within two weeks. Dr. Beaman is still in Baltimore with her.

A note just received from Rev. J. J. Lewis tells of the good meeting at Bath at which Rev. E. C. Glenn did the preaching. There were twenty-three to join the Church. "Any one," writes Brother Lewis, "wishing to obtain help in revival work would do well to secure Brother Glenn if they can get him."

"A great revival meeting," writes Dr. L. L. Nash, closed at St. Paul's Tuesday night, April 27. "I suppose Brother Graves will give you some account of it. St. Paul's is a delightful town. All the Churches joined in the meeting and the singing by the local choirs was the best I have had in any of my meetings."

The pastors of Hillsboro have organized themselves and Churches for more effective social service to their community. The Orange County Observer of last weeks sees promise of great benefit to Hillsboro in this action of the ministers of the four Churches in that town. It is planned to have three men from each Church to constitute a general committee for social service throughout the village and adjacent surroundings. It was announced that the committee would meet Thursday evening at 8 o'clock for a permanent organization. The work of this body of men is not to overlap that done by any other organization now existing, but rather to supplement all welfare service that has hitherto been undertaken. One of the planks of the committee's policy is to co-operate with other movements, and it is hoped that everybody will co-operate with their work.

The press-reports that ex-Governor T. J. Jarvis is seriously sick at his home in Greenville touch many, many hearts in North Carolina. He has lived such a full and useful life even down to his eightieth year that his people would keep him with them for a few years more. For many years he was a leader in North Carolina and now as her first citizen he remains a genuine inspiration. May he be left to serve a while longer!

Hon. F. A. Woodard, of Wilson, has been shut in for months. Apprehension is felt over the announcement that his condition is not so favorable. His friends hope to have more favorable reports—and these are legion. His interest in literature, in affairs of state and in his Church, to say nothing of his place in the legal profession, has brought him into a wide circle. Though shut in, may the memories of the years and the presence of the Comforter bring great peace and joy!

Dr. James R. Joy has been elected editor of the New York Christian Advocate in place of Dr. George P. Eckman, who resigned to re-enter the pastorate. He has been assistant editor of the Christian Advocate since 1904. He is an author of note, and as remarkably fine writer. His reports of the past two General Conferences to the New York Christian Advocate were superb. Dr. Joy is a layman and will doubtless hold the Christian Advocate to the standard set by Dr. Eckman, who is a strong preacher, as those who heard him at Trinity will agree.

Beginning May 9, a city-wide evangelistic campaign will interest the Christian workers of New Bern. Rev. Raymond Browning, one of the fifteen general evangelists of the M. E. Church, South, whose preaching has been attended by gracious results in so many places, will conduct the campaign. Charlie D. Tillman, the much beloved Southern singer, and his daughter, Miss Jewel, will take part in the gospel music, and an effort will be made to secure a far-reaching, united movement of all the evangelical Churches of New Bern. The people are urged to make the meeting a matter of special and constant prayer.

The Texas Christian Advocate declares that Bishop John C. Kilgo is one of our Bishops who simply cannot stay out of a revival, averring that it is "positively against his nature," and gives the following account of his recent evangelistic work: "Here and there throughout our borders, the Church is constantly stirred by his powerful appeals to the backslidden and the unconverted. For two weeks past he has been preaching to great crowds in Waco, Texas. All our brethren over there joined in a great union meeting and Rev. and Mrs. Albert Fisher direct a magnificent choir of three hundred voices. Bishop Kilgo, with all the fire and vim of old North Carolina, and with the intentness of his Spirit-baptized personality, has turned himself loose on Waco. Multitudes flock to hear him and scores are being brought into the fold."

Our Durham brethren are in a great campaign for unifying and strengthening the Methodist forces of that section. The City Board of Church Extension requested Rev. Costen J. Harrell last February to prepare and publish a history of Methodism in the city. Though the busy pastor of Mangum Street Church, Brother Harrell gave himself energetically to the task of research, inquiry, verification, and writing, and expects to have the pamphlet ready for distribution next Sunday, May 9. On that day the pastors of the eight Methodist Churches of the city will bring to the attention of their congregations the strength and possibilities of Methodism in this community. On Sunday night, May 16, they purpose having a great Methodist mass meeting in Memorial Church. Dr. W. F. McMurphy, of Louisville, Ky., President of the Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, has been invited to address this great gathering.