

The Advocate Campaign

We have space for only a word or two as to this in the present issue. On Monday afternoon following the adjournment of Conference, the directors of the Advocate Company met to determine on the policy to pursue in the immediate future. After full and free discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

Resolved, That the Advocate be continued until March 1, 1917, at the old price of \$1.50 in order that a campaign to secure at least 2,000 new subscribers, with all possible renewals, may be waged with the hope that sufficient funds may be secured to prevent the necessity of advancing the price of the Advocate to \$2.00 a year."

We wish to begin this campaign at once. There is no time to be lost, and for it to succeed it must have the unanimous endorsement of the pastors, presiding elders and leading laymen of the Church. As rapidly as possible, the office will put corrected lists of subscribers in the hands of the preachers. We hope to get most of it done this week. The apportionment of new subscribers to the various charges is also being made as rapidly as possible, that each pastor may know the minimum number which it is hoped that he will secure. We appeal to official boards, lay leaders, and all other friends of the Advocate to rally to this movement, that the circulation of the Advocate may be sufficiently increased, and the amounts already due us on subscription may be secured, to prevent the necessity of increasing the subscription price of the paper. No one connected with the management of the Advocate desires to increase the subscription price, but there is a heavy increase in the cost of production, and the only way to prevent an ultimate increase is to sufficiently increase the number issued to bring down the average cost of each paper below the \$1.50 now charged.

A Great Prohibition Convention

This is what our people must make the Biennial Convention of the Anti-Saloon League which is to be held in Raleigh January 15, 16. There is but little time left for Churches, Sunday-schools and other religious organization to secure delegates and send them to Raleigh. This is very important. We need some new and stronger legislation, and a great convention of enthusiastic prohibitionists here on these days of the convention will help to get it. Then it will be worth while to be here. William Jennings Bryan will speak on Monday, the 15th, and Dr. Peters, of Virginia, will be another strong man. And none of them will know as much about prohibition legislation as Judge Weakly, of Alabama. These three men, if there should be nothing else, would make the convention greatly worth while. Come along and bring your friends.

The Year With the Advocate

From the standpoint of income alone, the past Conference year has been a good one with the Advocate. There are thousands of our homes into which it ought to go, and does not; but it does go into just a few more than it did at the beginning of the year. This speaks well for the loyalty of our patrons, for many newspaper offices have a different story to tell. It has not been an easy year to increase subscription lists generally.

Our Honor Roll.

By the action of the Conference last year, 1,500 new subscribers were apportioned to the various charges of the Conference. Of these charges, only thirty-five secured the full number apportioned. A number of charges only

lacked one of reaching the required number, while from many charges no new subscriber at all was sent. We append below the names of the charges and the name of the pastor in each instance that secured the full number:

Farmville Circuit, S. T. Moyle; Roxboro Station, O. W. Dowd; Elizabeth Circuit, G. H. Biggs; Vandemere Circuit, E. C. Durham; Raeford Circuit, J. T. Draper; Washington Station, E. M. Snipes; Jones Circuit, C. T. Rogers; Ridgeway Circuit, W. C. Merritt; Mt. Gilead Circuit, W. F. Trawick; Grifton Circuit, H. M. Jackson; St. Paul Circuit, L. H. Joyner; Burlington Station, D. H. Tuttle; Robeson Circuit, B. E. Stanfield; Whiteville Charge, C. M. Lance; Troy and Biscoe, J. M. Benson; Lumberton Station, W. B. North; Mount Gilead Station, N. C. Yearby; Kenly Circuit, A. J. Parker; McKendree Circuit, Ivey T. Poole; Rosemary Circuit, W. R. Shelton; Duke, W. L. Maness; Craven Circuit, R. E. Pittman; Orange and Carrboro, C. C. Alexander; Hillsboro Circuit, T. McM. Grant; St Johns, Goldsboro; B. C. Thompson; Nashville Circuit, J. W. Autry; Bertie Circuit, L. D. Hayman; Elizabeth City, First Church, J. L. Cuninggim; Warenton Circuit, R. H. Broom; Henderson, First Church, R. C. Beaman; Goldsboro Circuit, W. A. Piland; South Rocky Mount and Clark St., J. Bascom Hurley; Hatteras Circuit, F. A. Lupton, Sea Gate, J. H. Miller.

Worthy of Mention.

There is another viewpoint from which to look at this work for the Advocate. The amount of money sent in on subscription is not always a sure index of the faithfulness with which a pastor has looked after the interest of the Advocate. In the larger congregations the pastor has an advantage over those who serve a smaller congregation in this matter, but it does not always follow that order as to results. The amount sent is a very helpful item when it comes to writing our checks to pay our bills, and we feel that those who send us fifty dollars or more during the year on subscription are worthy of special mention; and we herewith append them in order with the amounts sent:

R. H. Broom, Warenton Circuit	.....\$144.75
G. W. Fisher, Gates Circuit	..... 90.50
R. C. Beaman, Henderson	..... 81.55
A. J. Parker, Kenly Circuit	..... 81.20
B. E. Stanfield, Robeson Circuit	..... 77.50
A. D. Wilcox, Louisburg Station	..... 76.05
E. H. McWhorter, New Bern, Centenary	62.75
D. N. Caviness, Morehead City	..... 62.40
E. M. Snipes, Washington Station	..... 60.93
E. E. Rose, Conway Circuit	..... 60.75
D. H. Tuttle, Burlington Station	..... 58.72
L. D. Hayman, Bertie Circuit	..... 58.50
W. B. North, Lumberton Station	..... 57.95
R. H. Willis, Oxford Station	..... 57.80
J. M. Daniel, Greenville	..... 55.25
M. H. Tuttle, Hamlet	..... 55.25
W. C. Merritt, Ridgeway Circuit	..... 54.75
G. F. Smith, Rockingham Station	..... 53.25
W. F. Craven, Pittsboro Circuit	..... 53.00
C. T. Rogers, Jones Circuit	..... 52.25
W. H. Brown, St. John & Gibson	..... 52.20
O. W. Dowd, Roxboro Station	..... 52.10
B. H. Black, Rose Hill & Wallace	..... 50.25

The list shows just twenty-three pastors who sent in fifty dollars or more to the Advocate during the past Conference year, while there were 66 who sent in less than ten dollars each and seven who made no remittance at all. The total amount sent in by the pastors was \$4,086.31—an average of \$19.37 each. This shows an increase of \$223.91 over the total amount sent in by the pastors during the preceding year.

The Joint Commission on Unification of American Methodism is in session in Baltimore, but up to the time of going to press no word has come from there as to the progress that is being made. The Church awaits a report of their findings with interest.

Mostly Personal.

There was no issue of the Advocate last week. No need to write about its not coming.

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The Morning Star says of Rev. E. C. Sell, who has recently gone to Wilmington as pastor of Bladen Street Church: "Rev. Mr. Sell formerly served Wilmington Churches in the Methodist Itinerary, and he and his family are receiving a most cordial welcome from their friends here."

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Mitchell, who live near Henderson, N. C., celebrated their sixtieth anniversary December 23rd, 1916. They have been readers of the Advocate nearly all this time, and they say that it is better now than ever. May they live to celebrate many more anniversaries!

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The following invitation has been received: "Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. Covington invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Bessie Norment, to Dr. Evan Alexander Erwin on Wednesday evening, January the tenth, at half after six o'clock, Methodist Church, Laurinburg, North Carolina."

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We acknowledge receipt of the announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary Stuart Egerton, of Louisburg, to Mr. Clarence Myrick. The marriage took place on January 1, 1917, and after January tenth they will be at home at Tedro Miguel, Canal Zone. The congratulations and best wishes of the Advocate go with the young couple, on their way.

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We understand that nothing but the most sincere regret is felt and expressed at Rev. J. D. Bundy's removal from the Warenton District at the end of one year, when he had done such excellent work. It seems that no one can recall when a presiding elder has been given a full term on this district, and thoughtful laymen are observing seriously hindering effects.

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We acknowledge receipt of the following interesting announcement: "Rev. and Mrs. Thomas E. Davis announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Melvin, to Mr. John M. Milber on Wednesday, December the twentieth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, Richmond, Virginia. At home after February first, Glen Allen, Virginia." We wish them a happy and useful life.

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Warren Plains, Warenton Circuit, with only afternoon preaching regularly, evidently appreciated the morning service there last Sunday. This nerved little Church with a membership of 99 begins the new year most hopefully. Brother John H. Fleming, Superintendent, and his good teachers are rejoicing in a flourishing Sunday-school. They find growing pleasure in supporting an orphan. Besides, this Church's thank offering was \$25.00.

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The pastor of the Warenton Circuit has made more than one full round since Conference, and has been most warmly welcomed generally in the beginning of his fourth year. Congregations have been reasonably good, and there are encouraging signs of fruitful service. This charge paid over \$5,000 last year, more than \$7.75 per member. That handsome new suit that the pastor wore at Conference was the thoughtful and generous gift of friends in Warenton, and he thanks them most heartily. He also greatly appreciates the many substantial tokens of kindness sent to the parsonage for the holidays by members of all his Churches.

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A line from Rev. F. S. Love, pastor of our Church at Aberdeen, brings the sad information that his mother passed away at her home in Monroe on the afternoon of December 20, 1916. We clip the following from the Monroe Enquirer: "Mrs. Love was a noble Christian woman. She lived for her children and other loved ones. Her devotion to her children was superb. Her ambition was for them to be honorable, useful men and women, and that her noble ambition was realized was her joy and pride in her declining years. She is the mother of sons and daughters who are educated and are doing their full part in the big world's work. From her home have gone the doctor, the lawyer, the minister, the business man; and their devotion and loyalty to their mother is beautiful." The Advocate extends its sympathy to the sorrowing loved ones.