

News and Correspondence.

(Under this head we wish short, crisp news items from the field. It is not designed that the writer's name should appear in print, but his name should always accompany the items. Signed letters from the preachers will continue to be published on this page.—Editor.)

At the M. E. Church, Sunday morning, there were 169 men in the Baraca Class. This is something most unusual in any Church, or any community, to see 169 men in a class at one time. The Baracas had to move out of their class room into the main auditorium of the Church and they nearly filled the Church. It was an inspiring sight and speaks well for the community and reflects honor upon the men who are working faithfully to get others interested.—Roanoke News.

Immediately following the sermon at the Methodist Church last Sunday night a Church conference was held. Perhaps the most interesting question that came before the conference was concerning the completion of the Church building. The conference by a unanimous vote indicated its wish that the building should be completed without further loss of time. The finance committee was instructed by the Conference to call a meeting very soon, and devise means for going forward with the building.—Dunn Dispatch.

The contest now on between the 'reds' and the 'blues' in the Wesley Bible Class of the Methodist Church has already succeeded in bringing out a great number of men who had not been in the habit of attending any Sunday-school. So far the 'reds' are well in the lead, but the 'blues' look wise and say, "Just wait for the home stretch, and we will show you something." Certainly the scores of men who now attend the meetings of this class inspire the teacher, D. H. Hood, to his best efforts, and every one who knows him knows that he measures up to a high standard.—Dunn Dispatch.

INSTANTLY IMPORTANT.

The Board of Missions at Conference requested the Treasurer to pay the first quarter due to the domestic missionaries February 15 if possible.

He will not have sufficient funds unless remittances are made to him immediately by all pastors who have collected any amounts for this cause. Send what you have in hand to J. T. Flythe, Treasurer, Jackson, N. C.

N. H. D. WILSON,
Conference Missionary Sec.

TO THE PREACHERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

My Dear Brethren:—This is to remind you that the report of the Board of Missions adopted by the Conference at Durham instructed the Treasurer to pay the appropriations on February 15 and quarterly thereafter if possible.

To do this the Treasurer must have the money and to get the money he has to depend upon the pastors to send it in. So it must be apparent to any one that we must make early collections and send in all money collected at once if we are to carry out the order of the Conference and also meet the need of our brethren

who are laboring in these needy fields.

Furthermore, the Treasurer is instructed to publish as of February 10, and quarterly thereafter, the name of the charges and the amounts received from them by him on Foreign and Home Missions. In this way the Conference will be kept fully advised as to the money paid and by whom.

Finally, let me urge in the light of the demand at home and the need abroad that every dollar possible be collected early in the year and sent at once to the Treasurer that he may relieve the needs at home and help to meet the demands abroad.

Sincerely yours,
M. T. PLYLER,
President of Board.

NOTICE!

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension will meet in Tarboro, N. C., March 15, 1917.

All who contemplate making application to General Board for aid, either donation or loan, will please have your applications in the hands of the secretary a week before the executive meeting. Write Brother J. E. Holden, the secretary, for blanks, and prepare your applications at once, as none will be considered after the adjournment of committee.

H. M. EURE, Chairman.

TO THE PREACHERS OF RALEIGH DISTRICT.

We will hold our annual preachers' meeting in Edenton Street Church, Raleigh, on February 14 and 15. Let every preacher be present. We will discuss, in an informal way, the various problems that confront us in our work.

On Wednesday evening there will be a missionary sermon preached by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, of Louisburg, N. C.

It is very much desired that every preacher be present, and that all take part in the discussions that may arise.

J. E. UNDERWOOD,
Raleigh, N. C.

TO THE MINISTERS OF THE NORTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE.

Dear Brethren:—By reference to the report of the Board of Missions at last Conference, you will observe that the Treasurer of the Board is requested to pay the first quarter of appropriations to domestic missionaries by February 15. To do this requires more money than the Treasurer has. Can't you help us to help these brethren in need of taking collections at once and sending in? We haven't enough money to pay the first quarter by about two thousand dollars, and have received only one remittance since Conference. Brethren, please help us out. Act at once.

J. T. FLYTHE,
Treasurer, North Carolina Conference Board of Missions.

NOTICE!

The Executive Committee of the Board of Church Extension of the North Carolina Conference will meet not later than March 15, and all applications to the General Board of Church Extension for aid must come before this committee at that time for consideration. I will be glad to furnish blanks for application, but in asking for blanks always state whether aid is to be asked for a

Church or parsonage. Only those desiring to apply to the General Board need put in applications now, as those wishing to deal with the Conference Board will have until fall to get in their applications. Please attend to this matter promptly, and save trouble.

J. E. HOLDEN.

NOTICE.

Tennessee has just enacted bone-dry prohibition. Oregon and Arkansas did so recently. These, with West Virginia, make four States that exclude liquor entirely. Let North Carolina be the next State to do so.

Many ecclesiastical bodies have asked for this. The Social Service Conference has asked for it. And the Anti-Saloon League is working for it. The passage of House bill No. 802 will give it.

Please write or wire your Representative and Senator at once and ask each to support this measure and use his influence to get others to do so. The House is likely to enact this bill any day. Therefore early action is necessary.

R. L. DAVIS,
Superintendent, North Carolina Anti-Saloon League.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

The following are the apportionments of new subscribers to the Raleigh Christian Advocate for the several charges of the Washington District:

Aurora	10
Ayden	7
Bath	5
Bethel	5
Elm City	5
Farmville	9
Fairfield	5
Fremont	7
Greenville, Jarvis Memorial	10
Mattamuskeet	9
McKendree	5
Mt. Pleasant	6
Nashville	9
Rocky Mount, First Church	15
South Rocky Mount & Clark St.	5
N. Rocky Mount and Marvin	5
Stanstonsburg	9
Stokes	4
Spring Hope	8
Swan Quarter	5
Tarboro	5
Vanceboro	7
Washington	10
Wilson	15

BELHAVEN AND PANTEGO.

When the Bishop announced Pantego and Belhaven as my charge for this year quite a few of the preachers told me it was one of the best charges in the Conference. It is a seacoast appointment and for years I had coveted such a work.

The Saturday after Conference I performed the marriage ceremony of a very dear niece, Miss Lucile Alsbrook, of Spartanburg, to Mr. A. F. Fowler, of Columbia, S. C. I remained over Sunday in Spartanburg with my sister. Some other days were devoted to visiting other relatives in South Carolina.

My wife and I reached Belhaven Thursday in time to enjoy a delightful supper which the ladies had prepared. We were given a most cordial reception and found the parsonage ready in every respect for house-keeping. The parsonage is one of the best and most convenient in the Conference, and the ladies are thoughtful and generous in their attention to the parsonage and its occupants—and the men are equally so.

Belhaven has about 3,500 population and is delightfully situated on Pamlico Sound. There are six white Churches in the town. The Methodist Church is centrally located and

DISTRICT CONFERENCE DIRECTORY.

Fayetteville District, Pittsboro, April 26-29.

Elizabeth City District, Hertford, July 5, 6.

HONOR ROLL.

The following charges have secured the number of new subscribers to the Raleigh Christian Advocate apportioned to them for this year, and we herewith give them place on the honor roll in the order in which they have come in:

Dunn—J. A. Hornaday, pastor.
Person Street and Calvary—L. H. Joyner, pastor.
Leasburg Circuit—J. A. Martin, pastor.

its membership consists of as fine people as can be found anywhere. They believe in education, in missions, and in vital religion. A number of our young people are attending colleges. The town has a well attended public school of eleven grades. Not a few of our members, both men and women, pray in public. It is the spirit of the people to love their pastor and show him their appreciation in many ways. No mistake was made in saying this is one of the best charges in the Conference.

Pantego is a town of about 400 inhabitants, on the railroad, four miles from Belhaven. There are four white Churches in this town. Everything said of Belhaven is equally true of Pantego. I preach at Pantego each second Sunday, morning and night, and at Belhaven twice each of the other Sundays.

There is also another appointment, Leechville, a village about seven miles from Belhaven, at which I preach the third Sunday afternoon of each month. This is a new appointment, just organizing, and while the membership is small in number it is excellent in quality.

The charge is well organized in Sunday-school and missionary work. The stewards fulfill Disciplinary requirements. They have system in their finances and pay their preacher monthly.

My first official act was to marry a couple, Mr. Clarence Sears and Miss Julia White, Saturday, December 23rd. Then I had another marriage ceremony January 4, in Columbia, S. C., when my son, Joseph L. Nettles, and Miss Harriet Gillespie were married.

This section is a country of huge possibilities. In addition to the fish and oyster industry, saw-mills, and other business enterprises, the swamp lands are being drained and brought into cultivation. As an instance, some Northern capitalists have purchased a swamp jungle of 45,000 acres, which they are having prepared for cultivation. A main canal about fifteen miles long, thirty feet wide, and twelve feet deep is being cut. Two large boats are floated on this canal for the dredging. The fall is only about two feet a mile. From this main canal lateral canals of nearly the same size, and a mile apart, are extended through the body of the land. The timber and jungle is then cut from the land and burned thereon, and small ditches are then dug, and I am told it costs about fourteen dollars an acre to dig these small ditches and get the land thus prepared. The first year, and sometimes the second year, the corn is planted by "stick-ing." This is the aboriginal mode of farming and is necessary because the ground is too soft for driving an animal over it to plough. A sharp ened stick is stuck into the ground and the grain of corn is dropped