

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.)

The Woman's Missionary Council of our Church will hold its annual meeting in Church Street Church, Knoxville, Tenn., April 3-11.

HONOR ROLL.

The following, having secured the number of new subscriptions apportioned to them, are given a place on our Honor Roll in the order in which they are received:

- Kenansville Circuit, M. F. Hodges, pastor.
- Chadbourn Circuit, B. E. Stanfield, pastor.
- Calvary Church, Durham, L. D. Hayman, pastor.
- Tar River Circuit, J. A. Lee, pastor.
- Maysville Circuit, T. W. Lee, pastor.
- Rowland Circuit, A. J. Groves, pastor.
- Hallsboro Circuit, J. C. D. Stroud, pastor.
- Stantonsburg Charge, C. O. Armstrong, pastor.

APPORTIONMENT NEW SUBSCRIBERS—WASHINGTON DISTRICT.

Aurora	9
Ayden	10
Bethel	9
Bath	9
Elm City	6
Fairfield	5
Farmville	5
Freemont	9
Greenville	12
Matamuskeet	8
McKendree	5
Mt. Pleasant	7
Nashville	8
Rocky Mt.	12
North and South Rocky Mt.	4
Clark St., Rocky Mt.	4
Stantonsburg	8
Stokes	3
Spring Hope	8
Swanquarter	7
Tarboro	5
Vanceboro	5
Washington	10
Wilson	12

ROWLAND CIRCUIT.

The first Quarterly Conference for Rowland Circuit embraced Saturday and Sunday, the second and third of March, and was held at Rowland Church. Rev. J. H. Hall, our presiding elder, was delayed in getting here on account of a late train, but held our Conference Saturday afternoon. The reports were the best that have been made at first Quarterly Conference during my three years here.

On Sunday Brother Hall preached two good helpful sermons at Rowland in the morning and at Centenary in the afternoon, administering the sacrament of the Lord's supper at both places.

On Saturday at ten o'clock the stewards of the charge met and organized by electing Dr. Geo. M. Pate, chairman, and Brother Bernard A. Edens, secretary and treasurer. Without a dissenting voice, they voted to increase the pastor's salary 20 per cent, making it \$1,200.

Our board of stewards took a forward step in deciding to have quarterly meetings apart from the Quarterly Conferences for consultation and discussion. Our people

continue to show their kindness to us by sending in fresh meats, butter, meal, graham flour, canned fruits, eggs, chicken, etc., beside feed for Dixie. A. J. GROVES.

ST. JOHN AND GIBSON.

Dear Brother Massey:—The St. John and Gibson people have been doing things so nicely since Conference I feel impelled to write of their doings again. With some few exceptions we have a most loyal people. They are standing by their pastor this year as never before. On Christmas Eve they began to pound us and they have not yet stopped, and the invitations to spend the day are numerous.

At the first Quarterly Conference the stewards of their own accord raised the pastor's salary twenty-five per cent over last year. And their collections for the first quarter were fine. The St. John's stewards who have reported say that every one approached has willingly raised his assessment 25 per cent to meet the increase. I am sure the others and those at Gibson will find the same ready response.

A few Sundays ago I preached on the war and urged my people to go the next day and buy War Savings Stamps. Those selling told me that that Monday was the best sales day they had had, their sales being something like double any previous day.

On yesterday I preached on the "Minister" and took a collection for the purchase of the Advocate stock, and the upkeep of the district parsonage, and secured \$66.00.

For nearly a year our St. John's Sunday-school has been giving its first Sunday collection to the Orphanage and for the past three months the total has been about \$20. Our Gibson school started the same yesterday and its collection was \$9.11. The Ladies' Aid Society of Gibson recently sent the Orphanage over \$17.00. The ladies of Gibson Church just about Conference sent them thirteen pairs of nice bed sheets.

A month ago last Sunday I announced to my St. John's people I wanted to organize after service a Young People's Missionary Society. We took thirty-seven names and set our regular meeting for the next Sunday afternoon and at that time we added five more, making forty-two and thirty-seven of the whole were present. Our motto is Everybody present and paying every time.

I believe we can say thanks to the ladies who do the work, that we have every Sunday two as neat and as clean Churches to preach in as can be found anywhere. And our congregations are splendid in size and in attention. W. H. BROWN.

BROOKSDALE.

Dear Brother Massey:—When we were read out for Brooksdale Ct. at the Annual Conference, at Greenville, we did not only not know where Brooksdale was, but did not remember any such a circuit within the bounds of the North Carolina Conference. After a little inquiry we soon learned that it was one of the twins just born from the old Mt. Tirzah Circuit.

We have not been sorry for one minute that we were sent to this charge, for surely we are in one of the very best counties in the State, and a truer more loyal people are not to be found anywhere. They are always ready to do something to show their appreciation, and to make the preacher and his family

happy. They began their year's work this year by placing on the parsonage lot a supply of wood which has not yet all been used. Other provisions we found in the parsonage, a sufficient amount to last several days.

Our first Quarterly Conference was held at Brooksdale Church, February 23. The presiding elder, Brother Wooten, was present and preached an excellent sermon at 11 o'clock, which was both strong and impressive, and found response in the hearts of the people. The dinner served at the noon hour made us wonder that if Mr. Hoover should be around, would he interfere. I suspect he would have, with a part of that dinner, as Brothers Smith and Shaver did. The conference in the afternoon was good and well attended.

All that was done that day was not done in an open conference. Plans were made secretly, for we received one of the heaviest poundings that night that we have received since we have been in the ministry. Flour, meal, sugar, canned goods of all kinds, eggs, and almost every needed grocery. We wish to thank these good people for all these valuable things and pray God's richest blessings upon them that they may be all the more happy. We are looking for the best year in our experience; we expect to make it so.

As we have not been accustomed to writing very much, we will close by sending three new subscriptions to the Advocate; will send others in a few days. J. A. RUSSELL.

TAR RIVER CIRCUIT.

The First Quarterly Conference of Tar River Circuit for the current year was held at Kittrell March 2 and 3. A fair representation of the official members was present. Rev. J. E. Underwood, P. E., was present, and rendered effective service in the pulpit and as presiding official. Sunday morning services were held at Plank Chapel. The worship at both Churches, we believe, was helpful and edifying.

The stewards kindly and volun-

tarily added \$100 to the pastor's salary, making it \$1,100. The pastor is very grateful for this kind act, for it came without any solicitation on his part.

Trinity Church sent up a magnificent pounding to the parsonage on Saturday of the quarterly meeting. It was pleasing to see A. W. Wilson and Peter F. Evans drive up with a "carry all" wagon full of groceries, consisting of flour, meal, sugar, and coffee, with canned goods. Think of it! ye city pastor, a whole wagon load of good things to eat. The pastor wears a broad grin that won't come off. Dear friends, I have not words to thank you as I ought, but I do appreciate it very much. The people on this charge are very good to me, and I am so glad to be with them this third year. J. A. LEE.

TRINITY COLLEGE NOTES.

The Sunday School Teachers' Institute held at Trinity College last week was in every way a success. The Sunday-school workers of the city were greatly interested and quite a number of the students took advantage of the courses offered. Field Secretary H. E. Spence was untiring in his efforts and was of course pleased with the success attained.

Miss Marguerite Russell, of the sophomore class, returned Monday after having spent a few days with her mother in Asheville.

President W. P. Few is in Nashville, Tenn., attending the session of the General Sunday School Board for the Southern Methodist Church.

Lt. E. S. Savage, '15 and a law student here last year, is now in the Camp Jackson training camp. He was a visitor on the campus during the early part of the week. The alumna at Camp Jackson are arranging for a meeting in the near future, at which there will be a representative from the College.

Prof. E. C. Brooks has just returned from Atlanta, Ga., where he addressed the teachers of that city.

THOUSANDS STARVING IN BIBLE LANDS.

EASTER TIME A. D. 1918.

Every Pastor in America is requested to preach March 10, 1918, on

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