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McCLELLAND PRESBYTERY OBSERVES 40TH ANNIVERSARY.

The McClelland Presbytery met at 7:30 P. M., Wednesday, April 1st, 1926, in the Mattoon Presbyterian church, of Greenville, S. C. A most excellent sermon was preached by the retiring Moderator, Rev. J. H. Tootley, of Due West, S. C. Text: "And to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge that ye might be filled with all the knowledge of God." Ephesians 3:19.

All ministers serving within the bounds of Presbytery were present at this opening session, except one. Seven churches were represented by elders. Before the final session all ministers of Presbytery were present, and thirteen churches were represented by elders.

Rev. J. S. Williams, D. D., of Seneca, S. C., was unanimously elected Moderator and Elder S. J. L. Patterson was elected temporary clerk.

The following ministers were accorded seats as corresponding members of Presbytery: Revs. J. W. Taylor, A. Knox and J. W. A. Butler of the M. E. Church, South Carolina Conference; Rev. W. M. Lipscomb, of the Baptist church of the Enoree Association, and Revs. G. T. Dillard, D. D., and G. W. Long, D. D., of Fairfield Presbytery, Rev. A. B. McCoy, D. D., of Knox Presbytery, Rev. N. Bell, of Catawba Presbytery, Rev. Ransom Hill of Harmony Grove Presbytery, Dr. Watson, State Missionary of the Baptist Church, and Dr. C. F. Gandy, pastor of Springfield Baptist church of the Enoree Association.

An address of welcome was delivered by the pastor of John Wesley M. E. church of the city of Greenville, Rev. J. W. Taylor, speaking in behalf of the Ministerial Union of Greenville. This address of welcome was responded to by Rev. J. E. Jackson, of Columbia.

An offering of \$6.08 was made.

Thursday, April 2.

The outstanding accomplishments of Thursday's session were the appointment of temporary committees, the reception of Mr. Lester E. Ginn, of the Presbytery of Chester, Pa., as a member of Presbytery; the acceptance of an invitation to Presbytery to hold its next session in September in the Schofield Presbyterian church, of Seneca, S. C.; Rev. J. S. Williams, D. D., minister; the appointment of Revs. C. M. Young, D. D., E. W. Allen, J. G. Porter and J. H. Tootley as a Committee to examine Mr. Lester Ginn, preparatory to the ordination of Mr. Ginn.

The ministerial principal and the lay alternate to the General Assembly were not confirmed because the churches from which they came had not paid their General Assembly assessments for the last four years. Elder T. M. Jenkins, representing the Bower's chapel church, of Wellford, was confirmed as the lay commissioner to the General Assembly. The alternates were O. M. McAdams and Prof. R. W. Boulware, A. M.

Rev. H. Y. Kennedy reported on the religious life of Washington Street church, of Abbeville, and on the religious life of the Mattoon Street church, of Abbeville. Rev. Kennedy spoke of the recent loss of his home by fire, because of which the Presbytery donated \$25.00 to Rev. Kennedy.

Elder M. H. Thompson reported the religious life of Ebenezer, of Greer, S. C., and Rev. C. W. Francis spoke of the work at Salem Presbyterian church, of Anderson.

At 12 M., Rev. J. E. Jackson, of Columbia, preached a strong and forceful sermon from the text, "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matt. 19:26.

Presbytery then adjourned with prayer by Dr. G. W. Long.

Thursday Afternoon, April 2.

The afternoon session was taken up with reports on the religious life of Calhoun Falls, by

morning's session reports were heard from the following churches: Oak Grove of Little Mountain, S. C., by Elder R. B. Cannon and G. T. Dillard; Mattoon, by Elder C. E. Johnson; A. M.; Allen chapel by Elder J. S. Martin and Rev. E. W. Allen; Mt. Pisgah, of Laurens, and Mt. Carmel, of Carlisle, by Rev. E. A. McCorkle, of Gaffney; Irmo First, by Elder R. W. Boulware, A. M.; Rock Hill of Norris, by Elder Zach Reed and Rev. O. M. McAdams.

An outstanding, far-reaching and inspirational address was given by Dr. A. B. McCoy, superintendent of missions at 10 A. M., Friday.

The business session of Presbytery closed at 12:00 M., at which time Dr. G. T. Dillard preached a most excellent sermon which strengthened the faith, cheered the hearts and brightened the hopes of eternal life of the members and friends of Presbytery who heard him divide the word of truth. The text was Matt. 27:57-60; subject, "Joseph of Arimathea."

Friday Afternoon, April 3.

Several Temporary Committees reported, after which free conversation on religious life continued. The following church reports: Mt. Lebanon View, of Campobello, by Rev. N. Bell; Bowers chapel, of Wellford, by Elder T. M. Jenkins and Rev. B. F. McDowell, D. D.; Walker's chapel, of Reidsville, S. C., by Elder A. H. Walker and Rev. B. F. McDowell, D. D.; Westminster, of Spartanburg, by Rev. B. H. McFadden; Schofield, of Seneca, by Rev. J. S. Williams, D. D.; Cane Presbyterian church, of Pendleton, by Elder Philip Green.

At this point Dr. Watson, the State Missionary of the Baptist church, and Dr. C. F. Gandy, pastor Springfield Baptist church of the city of Greenville, were introduced to the Presbytery and accorded seats as corresponding members of Presbytery. Dr. Gandy and Dr. Watson made interesting remarks. Each had received part of his training in Presbyterian schools, Biddle University and Lincoln University, respectively.

Rev. J. M. Johnson, D. D., of Newberry, S. C., was excused for tardiness and his name was enrolled.

Mr. Lester E. Ginn was examined on Church Government and the Sacraments of the Church by a committee. The examination was sustained. The trial sermon of Mr. Ginn was preached Friday night after the program of the Woman's Presbyterial. Text, "As the hart panteth after the water brooks so panteth my soul after thee, O God." Psalm 42:1.

After the trial sermon Mr. Ginn was ordained to preach the Gospel wherever in the providence of God he may be called. The ordination prayer was offered by Rev. W. R. Coles, D. D. The charge was given by Rev. J. M. Johnson, D. D.

Friday Evening, April 3.

After the business session the Presbytery and friends were entertained in the lecture halls of the church by the ladies of Mattoon. Sandwiches, ice cream and cake were served. After the report a most excellent program was given by the Woman's Presbyterial Missionary Society.

A banner for excellent service was presented by Mrs. J. G. Porter in behalf of the Presbyterial Missionary Society to Mrs. Julia Burris, the representative of the Woman's Missionary Society of the Salem Presbyterian church of Anderson.

The Presbytery and friends were thrilled with the selections of music given by the Quartette of women from Mt. Zion's Woman's Missionary Society of Due West. A collection of \$51.12 was raised.

After the ordination of Mr. Lester E. Ginn, of Aiken, S. C., Presbytery adjourned with prayer by Rev. Lester E. Ginn.

Saturday, April 4.

Free conversation on religious life was concluded. Temporary Committees reported. All records of Presbytery were approved.

The following changes were made: Rev. E. A. McCorkle, of

Gaffney, is to supply Allen chapel and Pleasant View, of Fountain Inn, S. C., and Fair Forest, of Greenville, S. C.

Rev. E. H. McFadden is to supply Mt. Pisgah, of Laurens, along with Westminster of Spartanburg.

Dr. G. T. Dillard is to supply Calvary of Newberry.

Rev. E. W. Allen was granted at his request a letter of dismissal to Fairfield Presbytery where he is now to labor. The Prayers of Presbytery go with Bro. Allen that he may continue to meet with success.

Rev. J. M. Johnson, of Newberry, was confirmed as ministerial commissioner to the General Assembly.

All business of Presbytery was completed Saturday morning, and Presbytery adjourned with the Apostolic Benediction by Rev. B. F. McDowell, D. D., to meet at 7:30 P. M., Thursday, September 3, 1926, in the Schofield Presbyterial church, of Seneca, S. C.

O. M. McADAMS, Stated Clerk.

A MEETING OF DISTRICT NO. 1.

The Ladies' Missionary Society met in the Biddleville church, Charlotte, N. C., at 11 o'clock Saturday morning, April 4th. Some minutes were spent in devotional exercises. Mrs. A. L. Shute, leader of the District, formally opened the meeting by announcing hymn No. 159 in the hymnal. She next read a portion of Scripture from John 20:1-2; 11-16. Mrs. Shute gave some beautiful, impressive thoughts on the real meaning of the Easter season. She reminded the mothers of their opportunity and responsibility of giving to their sons and daughters a true view of what Easter means to the Christians.

The societies represented were as follows:

Brandon—Mrs. C. N. Jenkins, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Roseborough.

Ben Salem—Mrs. Carrie Pope, Mrs. Brown.

Biddleville—Mrs. J. H. Ward, Mrs. Eli Jewel, Mrs. M. G. Davis, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Nelson, Mrs. Foster, Mrs. A. L. Shute and Rev. L. B. West.

Seventh Street—Mrs. E. B. White, Mrs. Carrie Kirkpatrick, Woodland—Mrs. Lila Davidson.

Gastonia—Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Rollins.

Black's Memorial—Miss Annie A. Chresfield.

As many secretaries and officers were not present at this time, it was decided to have the other representatives present to make their reports.

Mrs. C. N. Jenkins gave a good report from the Brandon Society.

Mrs. Carrie Pope told about the work at the Ben Salem Society.

Mrs. White spoke of the Talent Plan which is being successfully carried out by the Seventh Street Society.

Mrs. Davidson gave a report from the Woodland Society.

Mrs. Eli Jewel, Secretary of the Associate Members, was the next speaker. Mrs. Jewel said that she had brought with her some literature about her work. She said it was necessary to read this literature if one would be well informed about this work.

Mrs. Jewel said that any who wished to become familiar with the work among Associate Members can get this literature from her.

Mrs. E. B. White, Secretary of Literature, was the next speaker. Mrs. White reported that she had done her best to see that literature was put in each society. She felt a little discouraged on account of the fact that so many of the local secretaries have failed to cooperate with her in this work. She urged that the societies subscribe to Women and Missions and the Year Book of Prayer.

We were next addressed by Mrs. F. J. Anderson on "How to Increase Interest in Missions." Mrs. Anderson spoke of the many difficulties to be encountered in the district work. She said the ignorance, carelessness and indifference found on

some districts. Mrs. Anderson felt that though we have much cause for becoming discouraged, yet we must not be discouraged. "That we desire not to be as the mushroom which develops so quickly, yet at the first breath is withered away, but as the sturdy oak which bears heat and cold, and withers many storms before it becomes a strong tree. She asked that we pray for the work. She spoke of the need of an educational awakening. She urged that as many as possible attend the next district meeting at Shiloh church.

The next speaker was our President, Mrs. M. G. Davis. She began by commenting on the address of Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Davis commended Mrs. Anderson for working so bravely on a hard field. She urged the women to work on, though the task be hard. This rigid discipline will in reality aid in our spiritual development. Mrs. Davis then spoke of the need of mission study classes, of the great good that has been accomplished by reading, "Of One Blood." She reminded us that we are to study two books—one on home and one on foreign missions. She asked that all societies that have not studied a mission book, wait until they know of the new books to be studied this year before purchasing books. Mrs. Davis stated that it is not necessary to organize Light Bearers where there is a good Christian Endeavor Society. She advised that where only Juniors are enrolled in a Christian Endeavor Society that the teen age girls and boys be organized as Light Bearers. Mrs. Davis then spoke of the Apportionments. She said that the larger societies would have the larger apportionments and the smaller ones less. She urged that the societies as far as possible bring their full apportionment to the Presbyterial meeting in August. If the Society can not send the full apportionment, send three-fourths or as much as possible.

Mrs. Davis then read the apportionments for the Charlotte District. In her closing remarks Mrs. Davis asked that the societies read "Women and Missions," also the Year Book of Prayer.

Mrs. J. L. Rollins, Presbyterial Treasurer, read a report of the distribution of the money raised during the past year. She said that the Foreign Missionary money which amounted to one hundred seventy-three dollars and twenty cents had been sent to Africa.

The benediction was pronounced by Dr. J. A. Rollins.

After the close of the meeting the ladies of the Biddleville church served sandwiches, cake and coffee to all present.

MISS ANNIE CHRESFIELD, Monroe, N. C.

THE ROGERSVILLE PRESBYTERY.

The Rogersville Presbytery met with St. James church, Kingsport, Tenn., Apr. 9-12. The opening sermon was preached by Rev. W. W. Mayle, our Synodical Evangelist, Thursday night. The sermon was enjoyed by all, and was both spiritual and instructive. At the close of the sermon two persons professed faith in Christ.

The ladies' popular meeting convened on Friday night, and, as usual, this was very interesting. There was a full house and the audience was ripe first for laughter and then instruction, which characterized the entire meeting. The ladies had held their daily meetings at Rev. Whitley's, pastor of St. James church, but the Presbytery gave way for that body on Friday night. Mrs. Brazelton, of Chattanooga, was present and worked through the entire meetings with the ladies. She spoke on Friday night at the big meeting and expressed herself as pleased with the way the meetings were conducted. Mrs. Brazelton is one of the old workers in our Synod and is known throughout our Church. She always has a spiritual message wherever she goes.

Another interesting speaker of Johnson City. She was the last speaker on roll and when the President called her name applause began. Everybody seems to anticipate something good when Mrs. Gibbons' name is called. She is one of our strongest women in the Rogersville Presbytery. Mrs. W. G. Hamilton, of Asheville, was President, and in her usual way, made us feel that we would never grow weary of the program. Among those present were Mrs. Gibbons, Mrs. Brazelton, Mesdames Lucy Duff, Cassie Hood, J. M. Ewing, J. F. Whitley, J. J. Shepperson, Miss Watterson, Miss Ethel Goins, Mrs. N. S. Gillenwater of Spring Creek Mission and a number of others whose names we do not recall.

On Sunday Dr. J. M. Ewing, of Rose Hill, preached a most interesting sermon from the text, "Behold the man." This was declared to be one of the most vivid descriptions of the death and suffering of Christ that has ever been presented. People were turning their heads and using handkerchiefs freely in order to hide their tears. The church was packed to its capacity and people of other denominations expressed themselves freely, saying they had never heard such a sermon in all their lives.

Rev. H. F. Anderson, of Bristol, Tenn., preached Sunday night, using as his text, "He came unto his own and his own received him not." Rev. Anderson made a powerful appeal to the Christians as well as sounded an alarm to those who knew not Christ or had refused to receive Christ. A full house enjoyed the entire sermon.

A resolution of thanks was read by Rev. J. J. Shepperson, chairman of that committee, and the Presbytery adjourned to meet with Calvary Presbyterial church, Asheville, N. C., August 5-6, 1926.

It was heard on every hand that this was one of the best Presbyteries we have had. This is usually said when meetings are held, but it really could be said in this case without exaggeration. The attendance at our Presbyteries is usually small, but here, as a rule, they gave full houses. Everybody seemed interested and even anxious to know what was going on. This, of course, was something new in Kingsport, as our work has been going on there only a few years. The church is the product of a Sabbath school organized in Kingsport by the Sabbath School Missionary who had such stormy seasons in perfecting the organization, the story of which has been told and told again and again in the columns of this paper.

A lot has now been purchased for the church at Kingsport and it is hoped soon to see a \$10,000 building go up on it. When the condition of St. James' congregation was explained by Rev. Whitley and how they were struggling to have a church, each Presbyter seemed to feel that it was his duty to assist in this work and \$149 was realized in an effort to raise funds. It is also remarkable to note how the Presbytery at Kingsport was attended by the various churches. It was said that everybody was anxious to go to Kingsport and see the city. This was given as a reason for the large attendance.

Be that as it may, the people certainly turned out and were there to the first roll call. The crowd was increased each night by the large delegation from Rogersville and some of the Swift students took part in the programs and assisted in other ways in making the Presbytery a success.

Among those present were Dr. W. H. Franklin, Dr. J. A. Blyden, Rev. Eddington, Ph. D., Rev. W. G. Hamilton, Rev. B. C. Hood, Rev. J. H. Forte, Rev. J. F. Whitley, Rev. J. J. Shepperson, Rev. J. H. Byers, Dr. J. M. Ewing, Rev. W. W. Mayle, Rev. H. F. Anderson, Elders A. W. White, Brice, Watterson, Summey, Keebler, Fitzsimmons, Hamphill, Martin. We hope to see these and more in Asheville, N. C., Aug. 5-6, 1926.

Friday night was Mrs. Gibbons

J. J. SHEPPERSON