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**PAYING CHURCH SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

Rev. J. G. Garth, writing in the Presbyterian Standard, has this to say with reference to subscriptions to church building funds. It also applies, we think, to pledges for routine church support:

"I mentioned the fact that we were going to get out a trade number of the Standard, to a subscriber, who is a deacon and a church treasurer. He said, Be sure to tell them to pay their church subscriptions which they make to a building program. He was thinking of his own church. He and the other officers have to wrestle with notes coming due, building and loan payments every week, and contractor's accounts overdue, and it is no small worry to get enough money together to meet these payments, and settle these bills. Lots of people go merrily on, ignoring the subscriptions they made, and the poor deacons and elders have to double their payments, go on bank notes, stave off creditors, and so on and so on."

**CENSUS OF RELIGIOUS BODIES: 1926.**

**Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America.**

Washington, D. C., September 20, 1927.—The Department of Commerce announces that, according to the returns received, there were in the United States: 89 churches of the Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church of North America in 1926, with 7,166 members, as compared with 103 churches and 8,185 members reported in 1916. The total expenditures of these churches in 1926 amounted to \$851,179, including \$239,569 for salaries and other running expenses and \$106,475 for benevolences, missions, etc. The total expenses reported in 1916 were \$225,263.

The value of church property (including church edifices, furniture, etc., but not including parsonages), as reported by 79 churches for 1926, was \$1,427,100, which may be compared with \$1,131,600 reported by 98 churches in 1916.

Of the 89 churches reporting in 1926, 44 were located in urban territory (incorporated places of 2,500 inhabitants or more), and 45 were in rural areas. Of the total membership 3,653 were in urban churches and 3,513 in the rural churches; and of the total expenses the urban churches reported \$213,209 and the rural churches \$137,970. The value of church prop-

erty reported by 37 urban churches was \$1,035,600 and that reported by 42 rural churches was \$391,500.

Sunday schools were reported by 83 churches in 1926, with 1,044 officers and teachers and 7,495 scholars. The number of officers and teachers in the Sunday schools as reported for 1916 was 1,204 and the number of scholars, 9,498.

**A MESSAGE TO THE MISSIONARY SOCIETIES OF CATAWBA SYNODICAL.**

By Mrs. H. L. McCrorey,  
Synodical President.

The meeting of the Catawba Synodical Missionary Society to be held in connection with the Synod of Catawba at Timothy Darling church, Oxford, N. C., October 12 and 14, will be fortunate in having the Boards of National and Foreign Missions represented by Miss Josephine Petrie, one of the Board Secretaries.

Because of her long and successful record as a headquarters secretary and because of her own personal interest in and knowledge of every phase of our Woman's and Young People's work, Miss Petrie will render valuable service at our Synodical meeting.

It is the fervent prayer of the Executive Committee that our meeting shall be one fruitful in spirit and labor.

Sent from the New York office is the suggested program for Synodicals ably worked out in detail for definite and constructive work. The general theme of it is "Enlargement," the thought growing out of "The Call" to Spiritual Advance, through Prayer, Power, Personality and Program.

Enlargement: through friendships.

Enlargement: a command.  
Enlargement: the promise.  
Enlargement: the response.  
Enlargement: the result.

"Enlarge the place of thy tent and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations: spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." (Isaiah 54: 2.)

The women of the Presbyterian and the local societies will endeavor to make the daily sessions helpful, following out as far as practical the suggested program from headquarters.

"Enlargement"—the response—will be worked out at the popular meeting held in connection with the Synod, Thursday night, in a very beautiful pageant, "The Call and the Answer," which was written by Mrs. Eva Clark Waid, of New York headquarters and presented by her at the Biennial in San Francisco in May. The New York office suggests its reproduction at Synodical popular meetings.

Let us pray that every effort to work out in our meeting the idea of "Enlargement" in our Master's cause be one of prayer and of faithful and efficient labor.

The Executive Committee urges that a large number of delegates from the local societies as well as Presbyterial officers be present for the Synodical is made up of all the missionary societies in the Synod of Catawba, and through the delegates the inspiration and instruction from the annual Synodical meeting should be carried to every local society.

Mrs. G. C. Shaw, as hostess to the Synodical, will see to it that the meeting shall have all the advantage possible by being in close touch with Mary Potter School of which Dr. Shaw is President.

The Mary Potter School, through its teachers and students, will afford the Synodical an excellent opportunity for large and inspiring contacts and for practical evidence of the value of the very type of work the Synodical is helping to promote.

May our hearts go out in prayer and thanksgiving for this privilege to serve through our Synodical—to make this effort working toward the "Enlargement," through Prayer, Power, Personality and Program, of our Master's cause.

**MEETING OF CATAWBA SYNODICAL.**

The annual meeting of the Catawba Synodical Missionary Society will be held in connection

## IN PASSING

The border section of North-east Carolina from Clarksville, Va., to Oxford, N. C., is a fertile farming region and has an aspect of prosperity and progress.

Oxford is the county seat of the border county, Granville. Mary Potter Memorial School is located here. Dr. George C. Shaw, the efficient President, founded this school more than thirty-five years ago. It is under the care of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. It is a standard A grade school.

The Orphanage for Colored Children is located here. Ex-Congressman H. P. Cheatham is the superintendent. It is supported mainly through philanthropy. In recent years the State has made special appropriations. The institution has been operating nearly 40 years. Mr. B. N. Duke, not long ago gave and equipped the "Angier Duke Memorial School Building" at a cost of \$80,000.00. This was given in memory of his son, who was accidentally drowned off the coast of Connecticut. A unique feature is the affiliation of the Orphanage with Mary Potter School, to the extent that boys and girls finishing the grammar grades enter Mary Potter High School.

Franklinton, N. C., is the seat of Albion Academy. Dr. J. A. Savage is the President. The Christian College is also located here. A remarkable thing is the fact that in a radius of 30 miles (minimum distance apart 9 miles) there are nine schools of secondary and higher learning in adjoining counties: Granville, Franklin, Vance, Wake and Durham.—Mary Potter School at Oxford; Henderson Institute, Henderson; Albion Academy and Christian College, Franklinton; Kittrell College, Kittrell; Wake Forest Industrial School, Wake Forest; Shaw University and St. Augustine School, Raleigh; and North Carolina State School, Durham.

The late S. C. Vann, wealthy manufacturer of Franklinton, gave to that town a school building for white children, costing three hundred thousand dollars. He died before the fruition of an expressed desire to do something for the colored children of the town. It is thought that his heirs may yet "carry on."

The Franklinton Undertaking Company, Geo. R. Long, mortician, is the only outstanding colored business enterprise here.

Much interest was manifested in the return from the three weeks' motor wedding tour of Dr. and Mrs. Max C. King, of Franklinton. The points touched were Detroit, Michigan, three hundred miles through lower Canada, Niagara Falls, Gettysburg and New York. Mrs. King was formerly Mrs. Alberta Whiteman, third daughter of Mr. John Whiteman, of Wilmington, N. C., prominent business man and a churchman of Chestnut St. Presbyterian church. Mrs. King is a graduate of Cheney Institute, Pa., and was a teacher of Domestic Science in Christian College. J. H. Whiteman, a senior of Johnson C. Smith University, is a brother.

Dr. King is an alumnus of Shaw University and Meharry Medical College. He served as a lieutenant and captain in the American Expeditionary Forces 1918-'19 (over seas). Dr. King has practiced here eight years and has a wide field of service. Among those who were at home for Dr. and Mrs. King were Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Novella Reid and Miss Mattie Hester.

THOS. A. LONG.

with the Synod of Catawba, October 12 and 14, at Timothy Darling church, Oxford, N. C., Dr. G. C. Shaw, pastor.

Women, young people and children in the Synod of Catawba constitute the Catawba Synodical Missionary Society.

Delegates from all local societies and from the Presbyterials are urged to be present.

Those who intend to attend will please notify at once Mrs. G. C. Shaw, Mary Potter School, Oxford, N. C.

MRS. H. L. McCROREY,  
President.  
MRS. M. L. KENDRICK,  
Corresponding Secretary.

## MISS ETHEL RUSSELL BECOMES BRIDE OF W. D. HILL, OF DURHAM.

An interesting romance culminated last Saturday evening, September 17, at 8 o'clock, at Johnson C. Smith University, when Miss Ethel St. Norman Russell became the bride of Mr. W. D. Hill, of Durham, in a ceremony that was beautiful, brilliant and impressive.

The officiating clergymen were the Rev. Henry L. McCrorey, D. D., LL. D., President of Johnson C. Smith University, and the Rev. Robert P. Wyche, D. D., pastor of Seventh Street Presbyterian church, pastor of the bride.

The vows were spoken on the attractive lawn of the bride's home in the presence of a large audience. The ring ceremony was used.

Leading from the porch to the improvised altar there was a string of beautiful electric lights. The bridal party entered the aisle, which had on one side a spreading Norwegian pine and magnolia and on the other a huge maple. The background of the altar was a pretty crepe myrtle. On either side of this tree there were large and beautiful palms artistically arranged. In front of the palms stood tall candelabra with pink cathedral candles.

Prior to the ceremony Mrs. Carrie Turner Deans, of Richmond, Va., sang effectively D'Hardelot's "Because."

The wedding music was rendered by Mrs. S. D. Williams, of the University, piano, and Prof. L. D. Taylor, of this city, violin.

To the strains of Mendelssohn's famous wedding march the bridal party began filing in. The bridesmaids were Misses Lucile Henry and Aurelia Williams of Charlotte, and Misses Constance Hill, of Greensboro, and Claudia Williamson, of New Bern. Misses Henry and Hill wore pink taffeta, trimmed with tulle and carried bouquets of pink rosebuds. Misses Williams and Williamson wore orchid dresses with silver slippers, and carried bouquets of yellow roses tied with tulle to match.

Miss Hattie Russell, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. She was gowned in a dress of pale pink satin back crepe with scalloped, uneven hem, trimmed with tulle. A rose velvet loop hung from the right shoulder. The matron of honor was Mrs. W. A. Harris, of Savannah, Ga., cousin of the bride. She wore a dress of changeable taffeta, with orchid hose and silver slippers. Both carried American Beauty roses.

Master John Merrick Spears was license bearer. Mr. T. Arnold Hill, N. Y., brother of the groom, was best man. The other groomsmen were Mr. Tabb Hill, another brother of the groom, Mr. W. A. Harris, Richmond, Va., Mr. D. C. Deans, Jr., Mr. George W. Cox, Durham, N. C., and Dr. Field S. Russell, a brother of the bride.

At the appearance of the bride Lohengrin's "Here Comes the Bride" was played. The bride was leaning on the arm of her father, the Rev. P. W. Russell, D. D., Professor of Hebrew and Greek in the Theological Department of Johnson C. Smith University, who gave her in marriage. She was exquisitely gowned in a dress of Ivory satin, trimmed in Dutch lace and rhinestones, with silver slippers and hose. Her veil of tulle and lace was held together with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of lilies of the valley, Easter lilies and roses. She was charming in her appearance.

After the ceremony the spacious home was thrown open to the guests where an elaborate reception was given. Delicious cake and cream were served.

In the receiving line were Mrs. P. W. Russell, mother of the bride, in a dress of black georgette with steel beads; Mrs. J. A. Rollins, of Gastonia; Mrs. Naomi Harris, of Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. T. C. Deans, of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. Agnes McKnight and Mrs. Carrie Henry, Mrs. Wm. Mosely and Miss Janie Wallace, of this city.

Mrs. Hill is one of the outstanding young women of Charlotte. She was graduated from Scotia College for Women at Concord, finishing both the Seminary and Higher Courses. She is talented. For a few years

she taught in the city schools, and then went to Washington where she was employed in the government service. At the time of her marriage she was connected with the North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance Company of Durham, where she has worked in the home office for several years. Mrs. Hill takes interest in social and religious circles, and because of her friendly and genial disposition has gained a large circle of friends.

Mr. Hill is a progressive business man. He is a graduate of Virginia Union University at Richmond. He is Agency Director of the North Carolina Mutual Insurance Company.

The large number of beautiful and useful presents attested to the popularity of this young couple. Miss Annie F. Hayes had charge of the presents.

The parents of the bride served an appetizing wedding breakfast on Sunday morning. Covers were laid for twenty-five.

The bride and groom left for Richmond, Va., Washington, D. C., and points North. After the honeymoon trip they will reside at 1202 Fayetteville St., Durham. The bride's going away costume was a two-toned taffeta with tan coat and hat and accessories to match.

Among the out-of-town guests were President and Mrs. F. D. Bluford, of A. & T. College, Greensboro; Mr. and Mrs. M. S. Thompson, Misses Roberta Adams, Helen Clement, Maude Wigfall, Mr. Wm. Tate, Mrs. J. L. Alston, Mr. J. L. Alston, Mr. J. R. Jones, and Mr. Neville, of Durham; Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Deans, Jr.; Messrs. J. B. Deans, T. C. Hayes, Madison B. Jones, W. H. Harris and C. V. Kelly, Richmond, Va.; Prof. G. B. Love and Miss Hettie Duffey, Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Rollins, of Gastonia; Mrs. Naomi Harris, Chicago, Ill.; Mrs. E. C. Kirven and Miss P. Kirven, Syracuse, S. C., and Mr. J. T. Page, of Danville, Va.

May the bride and groom have a long and happy life together.

## DAN CUPID

**COULTER ACADEMY NOTES**  
By Miss Maggie L. Brewer

Coulter Academy opened September 5th, with an enrollment that exceeded that of last year, especially in the boarding department. Each year the enrollment is over 400, but due to an early opening, a goodly number of the students in the grades have not enrolled.

Most of the old teachers are back again. Miss Naomi Williams, who is in charge of our music department, and Mrs. Jeannette Lowe, who is in charge of the fifth and sixth grades, are the only new teachers. Each member of the faculty is striving to make this a more successful term than any before.

Sunday morning our President, Dr. G. W. Long, preached a very inspiring sermon from the 15th chapter of Luke. He emphasized the necessity of establishing social bonds.

Sunday afternoon the Parent-Teacher Association gave a popular program here, which consisted of special music, addresses and essays. Following the program was the election of officers. Mrs. Irene White was chosen President and Mr. S. T. Talley, Vice-President. Miss Jeannette Day was re-elected Secretary and Mrs. Anderson Marshall was elected Treasurer. The Association has for its motto, "Service," and we feel that it will be quite an asset to our work here.

Dr. and Mrs. Long motored to Rock Hill to the Presbytery last week. They report a very pleasant stay.

Miss Patsy Harris and Mrs. Martin P. Talley, of the Senior class, have returned to school.

Miss Wilhelmina Gillespie gave a Get-Acquainted party last Monday evening. Every one was highly entertained.

Miss M. L. Brewer was invited to the home of Mrs. M. C. Colton for dinner last Thursday. Other guests were Mrs. Emma Fortune, of Englewood, N. J., and Dr. J. V. Hanna, of Cheraw.

They were highly entertained and enjoyed themselves very much.  
Cheraw, S. C.

## ST. JAMES CHURCH GREENSBORO

By Mrs. G. A. Bridges  
Sunday morning Rev. H. C. Miller spoke from Romans 1:16, on "The Power and Assurance of the Gospel." The speaker cited the exhibition of power in the natural world, declaring the power of the Gospel greater than all. The Gospel has power to lift the soul. No such power is found in anything beside.

But, said the speaker, the Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to those believing it. Much depends on what we believe and on whom.

The Gospel assures complete victory of the soul all the more because the wisdom of God is coupled with His power.

Rev. Nathan Bell worshipped at St. James in the morning and evening services. He also preached at Hannah in the afternoon.

The Up and Doing class won the cup this Sabbath. Earnest Workers won the banner for finance, J. R. Nocho the attendance banner.

The Ladies' Aid held its last meeting with Mrs. G. C. Simpkins on Dudley Street. A large number was present and much business was done, after which the hostess served delectable refreshments.

Mrs. S. W. Carter is indisposed at this writing. We hope for her an early recovery.

## BLANDONIA CHURCH CHURCH NOTES, SANFORD.

By Mrs. Nancy L. Crumpton

Revival services were conducted in the Blandonia church last week. They began on Monday night, September 12, and increased in interest and spiritual fervor each day until the close.

On Monday night Rev. McMillan preached on the subject, "The Golden Touch," taken from St. Matt. 8:3. This was a wonderful sermon.

On Tuesday Rev. J. B. Francis, of Laurinburg, came to be with us the remainder of the week. He preached strong Gospel sermons each night. On Tuesday night he preached from the text, "Thou, therefore, endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ." II Timothy 2: 3.

On Wednesday night the subject was "The Opening of God's Books," Rev. 20: 12. Thursday night his text was, "O, Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the higher mountains." Isa. 40: 9, subject "Mountain Top and Valley Christians."

Friday night the text was Luke 15: 12. Rev. Francis is a great preacher and a good revivalist. Through his and Rev. McMillan's united efforts we had a great revival.

We had cottage prayer meetings each afternoon at 2:30 and prayer meeting at the church at 3 o'clock. As a result of this meeting we had seven to join the church—five on Friday night and two on Sunday.

Sunday, September 18th, was a full day. Rev. McMillan's text was found in Zephaniah 1: 12. After the sermon 6 children were baptized and the Communion of the Lord's Supper was celebrated. We had a great spiritual feast and the church seems greatly revived.

Mrs. B. G. McMillan is visiting her mother, Mrs. Charleston, in Washington, D. C. We miss her very much in the church and Sabbath school.

Mr. George McKeithan, who spent the summer at Virginia Beach, is spending a few days with his mother before returning to school at Johnson C. Smith University. We were all very glad to see him.

In Sabbath school the banners for finance were taken by the Wesley Bible class with Rev. McMillan as teacher, and the Primary class; Miss Vivian Alston, teacher.

The Missionary Society will meet on Thursday afternoon at the church at 3 o'clock. We are planning to take up our Mission Study again in the near future, with Mrs. I. H. Blue as teacher.

Mrs. I. H. Blue is slightly indisposed this week.

Mrs. D. L. Bland is visiting her people in Wilson. She was called to the bedside of her sister, who was seriously ill.