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SPECIAL HONOR FOR DR. CHAS. S. NORBURN

Asheville Surgeon, in Navy, Is Sent to Mayo Brothers' Clinic, for Special Work.

Dr. Charles S. Norburn, U. S. N., of Asheville, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Norburn, at their home near the city has received a special honor in the navy and has been chosen, with one other, by the government, out of a class of post-graduate students, for specialization in surgery at the Mayo clinic in Rochester, Minn.

This comes as a signal honor to this young man as the class from which he was chosen for this recognition constituted a group of picked men of the Navy. Dr. Norburn's war record was an excellent one and his steady progress and promotion since entering this branch of service show unusual qualities of steadfastness of purpose and ability. Dr. Norburn was ordered to the Naval Medical School in Washington from San Francisco, where he was filling the position of operating surgeon on the U. S. Hospital Ship "Comfort," where he had been in the service for the last eighteen months. Prior to this Dr. Norburn was stationed on the flag ship of the Fifth Division, the Connecticut, having come to this post from a course in the surgical clinics of Philadelphia.

He was among the first Asheville men to respond to the call of his country and volunteered at the outbreak of the war, having been graduated from the University of Virginia and at once went into active service. Dr. Norburn left yesterday for Washington and from there will go immediately to the Mayo clinic to assume his new duties.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN TO SUPPORT 24 ORPHANS

Collection of \$1,320 Taken at Church Services Saturday—More Expected Today to Complete Amount.

The First Presbyterian church has decided to care for 24 American orphan children and at services yesterday morning a collection was taken and enough money was raised and pledged to care for 22 of the orphans and a member of the church has promised enough for the remaining two. It takes \$60 a year to care for one of the war orphans and yesterday Rev. R. F. Campbell asked that \$1,440 be raised. The amount raised was \$1,320, or enough to care for 22 of the orphans. It is understood that the rest of the amount which is desired has been promised and will probably be raised by this afternoon.

CAROLINA MEN WILL HOLD BANQUET TONIGHT

Haywood Parker Will Be Toastmaster at Big Spread To Be Held at Battery Park Hotel.

When the alumni and students of the University of North Carolina gather tonight in the main dining room of the Battery Park hotel the largest college banquet ever held in Asheville will take place, it is believed. War compelled the university men to break their custom of meeting around the banquet board at every Christmas season, but a greater number than ever will be present tonight, for the affair will serve as a timely re-union. Haywood Parker, toastmaster, will first call upon Judge P. C. Cocks, who will speak on "The Relation of the University to the State." Thomas C. Wolfe, '20, will respond to Judge Cocks. R. R. Williams will give a brief talk on "The University's Part in the War." A snappy address by James S. Howell, '20, will follow. Charles G. Tennant, '18, will speak from the viewpoint of a young alumnus. The feature of the evening will be a closing speech by Samuel Cathey, '23, one of the three blind students at Carolina. An accidental blast took young Cathey's eyesight away, but could not deprive him of the ambition and "pep" that is needed to get

a college education. Last September he did not hesitate to place himself among those less handicapped, and has since found that books with raised letters contain as much knowledge as any other kind. The address from this young college man should be unusually interesting. The committee in charge of the banquet say that they are anxious for all of the tickets at the Paramount Drug store to be in the hands of all Carolina men before noon today.

HOLIDAY PROGRAM AT LIBERTY CHURCH

People of Hominy Section Enjoy Christmas Tree and Program.

On Christmas day at 1:30 o'clock a large number of people of the Hominy section enjoyed a Christmas tree and the exercises at the Liberty church. Children from the Hominy school rendered an excellent program of songs and recitations, and a play "Christmas at the Cross Roads," in which twenty of the school students and Miss Estelle Justus, teacher, participated, was the feature of the program. Presents, including many beautiful gifts were distributed from the tree, which the church had furnished.

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