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METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Church services Sunday, March 15, 1931. Sunday school 9:45 a. m., church service at 11:00 a. m., and Epworth League at 6:15 p. m.

All services have fallen off of late. Sickness, bad weather and plain neglect.

We wish to call to the minds of all church members that as Christians we take upon ourselves the responsibility of Christ-like living. When we take the vows of church membership promising "faithfully to keep its rules, attend its services, be loyal to its doctrines and government and support its institutions."

Pastors attend services, prepare sermons regardless of sickness and petty excuses that the average members have. Those who have failed to attend have certainly missed some valuable information which was prepared for them. A person's loyalty to his church will go far beyond loyalty in speech and outward relations.

Loyalty to the church and a whole-souled effort to make it more truly the medium through which Christ's spirit and life and teachings may be given to all the world. Do we ever stop to think what our absence from church services mean?

Friends, what your absence does: Your absence made someone think you a pretender. Your absence weakened the effort of the service. Your absence caused others to stay away from the house of God. Your absence makes it harder for you to meet your daily temptations. Your absence encouraged the habit of non-church going.

It is hoped these few remarks will cause we who are getting careless to think and then to think of the advantages of church attendance.

Your presence caused people to have confidence in you. Your presence encouraged and helped the minister in his work. Your presence caused others to come to the house of God. Your presence makes your life stronger for another week. Your presence removed the stumbling block from sinner's paths.

Friends lets attend our services regularly for the church "gives gifts that gold cannot buy, nor kings take away."

Among the sick at present are Mrs. Hoyle Lovelace, Miss Annabella Logan who is at her home at Ruth-erfordton, Mr. E. D. Crocker, Miss Amanda Haynes teacher at Avon-dale is at home here ill.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

Several classes and organizations held meetings last week. On last Thursday night the Berean Bible class of young men with their teacher, Mr. Jesse Honeycutt held a business meeting at the Memorial building with a fine attendance and a splendid spirit of fellowship and co-operation. They will hold their business meetings on week days, or nights so that all the time may be given on Sunday mornings to the study of the lesson.

Friday night, under the leadership of Mrs. B. P. Caldwell, Mrs. D. C. Whitaker and Miss Pamela Pruett the Girls' Auxiliary had a delightful social meeting at the R. E. Haynes Memorial building. A number of invited friends were also present and after a social hour filled with interesting indoor games, contests, etc., refreshments were served.

Last Sunday morning was very cold and an icy wind blowing a gale that felt as if it was fresh from the arctic regions. Yet the attendance was pretty good. We had around 400 present with six visitors and eleven new members enrolled.

Our pastor Rev. James Allen Hunnicutt and his family have been with us one year and last Sunday morning a brief summary of the year's work was given. It was a very encouraging report. In many respects it has been a hard year. We are all quite aware of the depression that has hampered the work everywhere, yet there are many members who are still putting the church first and the treasurers report Sunday for the month of February was very encouraging. Our pastor and his good wife have been untiring in their splendid work throughout the past year since their coming to us and results are evident in all phases of the work.

During the past year there has been 187 additions to the church and 113 of these by baptism.

One B. Y. P. U. course with 138 enrolled and 117 taking awards. Later other courses have been given and 64 other awards received. Making a total of 171 awards in the B. Y. P. U. study work. Recently the B. Y. P. U's. have been reorganized starting with a new enrollment, through those who have not been regular are still on a list to be won. The enrollment at present is 199.

A two weeks school of music was held during the summer with an average of 426 in daily attendance.

A Sunday school training school was held with 82 enrolled. 37 King's Teacher diplomas were awarded, 21 seals and 12 church administration diplomas. Later 47 other seals have been awarded for other study courses in Sunday school work, making a

total of 110 awards in the Sunday school work.

In the W. M. U. school of Missions there were 82 enrolled and each one received the award. This was a 100 per cent school. There are 272 in the W. M. U. and the Auxiliary organizations. New B. Y. P. U's. have been organized and two new circles in the W. M. U.

\$1,000.00 has been paid on the indebtedness of the church and the report for last month was better than usual and indicates that the people of the church are becoming more and more interested in its welfare. In February a little more than one thousand dollars was contributed and the interest on two notes paid for three months and the principal reduced four hundred dollars more. Because of the fine loyalty of the large number of members who, in some cases have really sacrificed for the church, the treasury of the church has not been quite empty at any time during the year.

Since our recent Sunday school revival and enlargement campaign the work has taken on new life and several new classes have been organized to take care of the enlarged organization. By screening one end of the kitchen, hanging suitable pictures and making a few other changes a delightful class room was made for the sixteen year old girls of the intermediate department. We had thought all the space of our church utilized until it became necessary to find more room. By the use of screens several classes found places in the assembly rooms of the departments. Another new class was formed last Sunday and are meeting in the rear of the main auditorium. The class of young married men recently organized and taught by the pastor has a nice place fitted up in the balcony.

These are only a few of the things that have been accomplished during the past year and we are looking forward with keen anticipation to greater things. We have splendid leadership and if we only do our part there is no reason why the church should not make great progress.

The subject Sunday morning was "the present emergency," and the pastor brought a fine message. We were delighted to have Messrs. Gaither Humphries of near Gaffney with us and he and Mr. Howard Hawkins sang a beautiful duet.

At the close of the service Mrs. Lee Putman was received into the church by letter. We welcome her to the church and its work.

Several members of the B. Y. P. U's. attended the meeting at High Shoals Sunday afternoon and report a fine meeting. The R. C. S. Union won the banner Sunday evening and presented a fine program which the pastor asked them to repeat at the

beginning of the preaching service.

At the evening hour the pastor brought to us another fine message on the same subject used a week ago: "Does Death End All?" His text was Job. 14:14.

Next Sunday evening he will speak on "What happens after death?"

Mrs. J. A. Hunnicutt and Mrs. L. H. Campbell accompanied by the pastor Rev. J. A. Hunnicutt left Tuesday to attend the W. M. U. meeting at Gastonia.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Mr. Ralph Crawford spent the week-end with friends at Boiling Springs.

There is quite a lot of illness in town, mostly colds and light cases of flu (if there is such a thing as light cases.)

Mrs. B. P. Caldwell was ill last week with a cold but is able to be out again. Mrs. L. H. Campbell was also on the sick list last week and is able to be out again.

Among those going to Charlotte to hear Dr. Truett recently were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Metcalf, Mr. and

Mrs. G. C. Shuford, Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Goode accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Wall and others.

A number from here attended the minstrel presented at the Henrietta-Caroleen high school building last Friday night by the Lions club.

Miss Catherine and Margaret Bowling of Lowell, N. C., and Miss Dorothy Rudisill of Forest City, spent the week-end here with Miss Sarah Hughes.

Miss Margaret Torrence spent the week-end at her home at Gastonia.

Miss Angie Philips spent the week-end at her home at Pelzer, S. C. Miss Elizabeth White spent the week-end in Charlotte.

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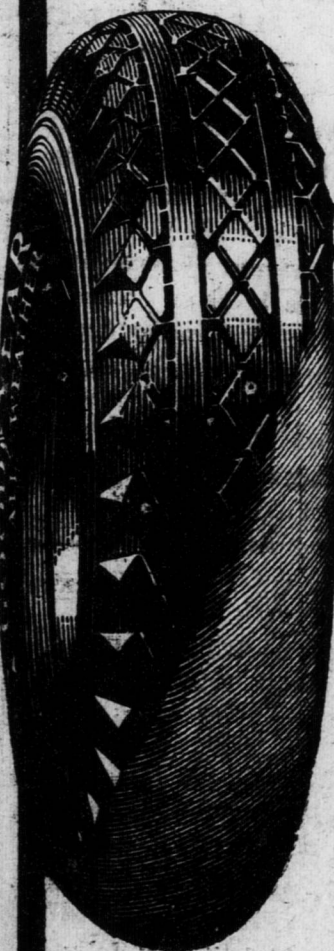
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