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NEWS AMONG THE CHURCHES.

Rev. Mr. Chafer at the Presbyterian Church—Rev. Mr. Craig Resigned Sunday—Mission Conference—Slipped Up On Dr. Weaver.

Rev. Lewis W. Chafer of New York, a student of the Scoville School of the Bible, is spending the week in Monroe, giving a course of Bible studies in the Presbyterian church, holding services at 3:30 in the afternoon and at 7:30 in the evening. Mrs. Chafer accompanies her husband and presides at the organ and has charge of the music services, which is made very attractive. Dr. Gurney assisted in the ordination of Mr. Chafer at Buffalo, N. Y., thirteen years ago. Mr. Chafer, who is pre-eminently a Bible scholar and teacher, is making a tour of the South, visiting many colleges and cities.

On Sunday large congregations were present at both the morning and evening services. In the morning Dr. Chafer outlined the course which he is to take up and gave an address in which he set forth the great purpose and plan of God in human redemption. In the evening he showed in a most definite and complete manner the "Cross Work" of Christ—as revealing the love of God, the sinfulness of man, and the righteousness of God. The closest attention was given to the earnest and eloquent utterances of the preacher. Mrs. Chafer presided at the pipe organ during the song service, and also sang a beautiful duet with Mr. Chafer. During these meetings the music will add much to their attractiveness, and each evening Mrs. Chafer will give a fifteen minute organ recital, beginning promptly at 7:30. This will be followed by a song service during which Mr. and Mrs. Chafer will sing.

Sunday morning Rev. Braxton Craig offered his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church, having accepted the position of Field Secretary of the Judson Centennial Fund, which is being raised to equip the foreign fields with schools and churches under the direction of the Southern Baptist Convention. He will continue to live in Monroe, as his work will require him to travel nearly all the time and the family prefer this as a place of residence. Mr. Craig has bought a farm near Bakers and is thinking of building a residence there. The church gave him up with great regret. He has done a work here of lasting permanence. He is a tireless worker, with a heart overflowing for folks and their needs. While his congregation regret to give him up, they are pleased that he has been called to a position of more extensive influence and possibilities and are glad that he and his family will continue to make their home here.

At eleven o'clock, February third, Rev. Drs. C. J. Thompson and Livingstone Johnson of Raleigh will conduct a mission conference for the Union Association, in the First Baptist church, with a missionary mass meeting at 7:30. The public is cordially invited.

All Pastors, Executive Committee, Laymen's Committee Sunday School Superintendents, and interested Laymen of the Association are urged to be present.

Pastors are requested to announce in well, and insist on those others attending the Conference with them, to consider the vital interests of the Kingdom mentioned in this SUGGESTED PROGRAM.

1. The Purposes of the Conference.
2. Mission Satellites—Gifts to State, Home, and Foreign Missions by the Association, by each Church, and per member.
3. What Plan for Raising the Suggested Amounts for Missions—in the Association, and in the Churches?
4. Advantages of a Definite Plan—Mission Committee, Every-member-canvas, Weekly Offerings, and Duplex Envelopes.
5. Supreme Importance of Raising the Apportionment for Home and Foreign Missions before April 30. Putting on an Every-member-canvas for Missions.
6. Laymen's Missionary Team Work and Organization. (See Leaflet.)
7. How can we make the most of the "Missionary Day" in the Sunday Schools on April 12?

In printing a fine cut of Dr. J. H. Weaver on his first page last week, the North Carolina Christian Advocate said:

This week we are slipping up on the most modest as well as the most popular member of our Conference, and giving our readers a peep at his face. Dr. Weaver did not know that we had a card cut of him in the office. Otherwise we think it likely we would have had some difficulty in getting him before our readers. But many a reader of the Advocate will be glad to look again thus into his face while he continues to live and work.

For a man to be elected six times in succession to the General Conference is an unusual record. So far as we know Dr. Weaver has never tried to get himself elected. He can enjoy this honor the more, therefore. He is a native of Ashe county, this state. He began public life as a school teacher in his young manhood, how long ago we forbear to say, joining the Holston Conference at Knoxville in 1878. He soon found his place of leadership

and when, falling by the transfer into the new Western North Carolina Conference, he came as the presiding elder of the Asheville District. For this office he was peculiarly fitted, and has spent the greater portion of his life in the work on "trials," though he is eminently successful in his work as pastor of our larger stations.

Dr. Weaver apparently takes the world easy and keeps in good humor with everybody and he is everybody's friend. We want him to live a long time and wish he could be multiplied many times. We write this not to boost Dr. Weaver, but to hand him a blossom while still living.

There will be no services at St. Paul's church Wednesday night.

On account of the services at the Presbyterian church, there will be no services at the Baptist church Wednesday night.

There will be no prayer meeting at Central church this week on account of the services at the Presbyterian church.

Will Get the Sun Parlor.

When it was found that the supervising architect of the government building in Monroe had been compelled to alter the plans of the building in order to meet the sum appropriated, there was a good deal of disappointment, since this curtailment would very materially affect the beauty of the building. The aldermen took up the matter and sent Alderman Blair to Washington to see what he could do in getting an additional appropriation sufficient to bring the building up to the first plans. He went and spent Friday and Saturday in Washington, and was successful in his effort. The representatives and both the senators undertook to get an emergency appropriation of about three thousand dollars in order to make the building what it should be. This desire of the people of the town is pretty certain to go through all right.

When the letters began to pour into Washington from Monroe, the newspaper correspondents up there began to have some fun in what they were pleased to call the desire of Monroe to have a sun parlor. One went so far as to say that the sun parlor was for the benefit of Mr. R. A. Morrow, Mr. E. C. Williams and others.

Shot an Inmate of the County Home

An old dorky who is feeble minded and lives at the county home, by the name of Alf Fundrurk, was shot one night last week by Mr. James Pressley, who lives not a great distance from the home. No blame has been attached to Mr. Pressley because of the circumstances. The old man had strayed away from the home, gone to Mr. Pressley's house, and climbed into the loft of the ell. While he was rummaging around, Mr. Pressley woke up, got his gun, and demanded to know who was up there. Getting no response at all, but being satisfied that it was a burglar, he shot. The old man was hit in the arm and the side and the arm had to be amputated.

Pastime, To-Night.

"A Perilous Ride." A Race to New York, drama, being the eleventh story of "What Happened to Mary." Craig traces Mary to the light house only to find that she has sailed away on the supply boat. By launch, auto, and train, he makes a desperate attempt to stop the girl before she reaches New York. He finally overtakes her but Mary outwits him and escapes. "The Fugitive." Harold Hammond sees a young girl insulted by a masher and immediately goes to her defense. The masher draws his gun but Hammond is the quicker and the masher drops. Hammond flees and no trace of him is found until years afterward when the girl, on a visit, meets Hammond living with a tribe of Indians. Hammond gets his long deferred reward.

Hell Located.

In a late issue of the Sword and Trowel, the editor, Dr. C. A. Dixon, tells of some experiences which a Text Carrier had while witnessing courageously for Christ during a mission in London last October. While he was preaching to a crowd, one of the auditors shouted: "There is no hell; hell is here." "No, you're wrong," said the preacher; "shall I give you three reasons to prove it?"

"Yes," shouted his opponent. "First," was the reply, "within a short distance is the River Thames; in hell there is not a drop of water. Secondly, over the way Dr. Dixon preaches the gospel; there is no gospel preached in hell. Thirdly, I am here, a Christian, and there are no Christians in hell." "You'd better go now, mate," said another in the crowd, "you've got enough to go on with." And the man went.

Greenberg had taken out an insurance policy on his stock of goods, and three hours later a fire broke out which consumed building and contents. The company could find no ground on which to refuse payment, but in sending the check the following was included in the letter: "We note that your policy was issued at noon on Thursday and the fire did not take place till three o'clock the same day. Why this delay?"

INTERESTING RELICS.

Dr. H. C. Herring, Collector of Curios, Gives Interesting Account of Old Battleship. Concord Tribune.

In the year 1865, as the Confederate steamer Bearsguard was about to cross the bar at the mouth of Cape Fear river on her way up to Wilmington to discharge her valuable cargo of supplies for the Confederate army she was signaled from shore that Ford Fisher had fallen and was in possession of the "yankees." Her course was at once changed and she was run ashore at Carolina Beach. Every one deserted her and her valuable cargo. A few days later a storm caused her to settle in the sand so deep that experts declared, there was no possibility of raising her. She remained undisturbed until the storm of 1898 when she was broken up and whole boxes of pork and tallow candles were washed ashore. The pork was not damaged and the candles burned with a bright light. Dr. Herring has some of the candles, musket cartridges and caps used during the war.

(The editor of the Journal has one of these candles which was sent him at the time by a friend.)

Where Is Preacher Jones?

Page Land Journal.

We can hardly resist the temptation to say, "Oh, yes, I told you so," for just as we predicted the great minister-doctor-teacher who was for several months the guardian angel of about all the negroes and some of the whites in the neighborhood of the old Gullidge farm in Lanes Creek township, has at last showed himself up in his real character and some folks are beginning to see how foolish they have been to follow after a strange negro who sneaked in without reference or recommendation from any reliable authority and proclaimed himself both preacher and doctor, able to minister to the mental, physical and spiritual needs of poor fallen humanity, with unbounded means to build big schools to teach the ignorant ones while he proclaimed the gospel of peace and cured the ailments of all who would come unto him. (And there were many who went.)

For some time trouble has been brewing and more than once Jones has been before the courts, and at this writing one Frank Chambers, one of the trustees, is making diligent search for him in order that he (Chambers) may be released from a \$200 bond, but so far has failed to locate Jones who skipped out on one of his frequent visits to Raleigh several days ago, leaving Chambers the very pleasant task of finding him or paying the bond which Chambers had signed for Jones' appearance at the bar of justice. Many are the evil reports on Jones for his conduct, and it is impossible to tell how many are true. All of his belongings in the neighborhood have been seized by the officers and will be sold unless he returns.

The negroes who have been fooled into this scheme are slow to give the details, but from the information at hand it seems that the trustees and supporters of the big school are "in the hole" to an amount far above the thousand mark, with their homes mortgaged to pay for the farm.

It will probably take a sharper negro to again turn the same trick in the same community while the present generation is above the sod.

Opening of the Fire Sale.

Charlotte Observer, Saturday. Crowding, pushing, pulling and tugging feminine humanity jammed themselves, packed themselves, squirmed themselves into Balk Brothers' store yesterday to see who could get the most bargains, the most useless bargains, the greatest number of bargains out of the wreck left by the fire-fiend. It was worth the price of admission.

Ladies who would ordinarily not have looked upon some of those in the house, found themselves actually spreading their arms like an old mother hen, over some choice bargain, awaiting until the salesman or saleslady returned, struggling all this time with this self-same person she would not have noticed.

No man could have lived through it. Two policemen were standing at the door, sucking for breath like the prisoners in the famous "Black Hole of Calcutta," or like minnows in a mud-hole muddled by some boy. If a policeman couldn't stand it, no human being would be expected to. Firemen might have survived the ordeal.

There were plenty of bargains, it is said, though the price paid in one way or another was certainly worth the price. One woman stated that she would never get into such a crush again. (She doubtless meant not until the next chance.) Another little frail girl with lovely big gray eyes, had to go home and go to bed after spending half-an-hour in there. While hundreds will never speak to that horrid Mrs. — again because she "got just the piece of goods that I had planned to buy for a spring dress."

Recorder's Court.

David Horn, colored, larceny; 7 months on roads.
John L. Vaughan, disposing of mortgaged property; not guilty.
Bert Overby, violating ordinance 80; costs.
Sherman Doster, colored, violating ordinance 80; costs.

DEATH OF MR. J. R. BLAIR.

Passed Away Last Night as Result of Stroke of Paralysis on Saturday While in the Court House at Troy—Funeral Here To-Morrow—Mortice Man Who Was Prominent Throughout the State.

Mr. J. Reece Blair died at his home in Troy last night as a result of a stroke of paralysis received Saturday while transacting business in the courthouse of Montgomery county. The news of his affliction came promptly to Monroe Saturday, and his sister, Mrs. R. C. Ashcraft, and his brother, Mr. R. K. Blair of Charlotte, went to his bedside. Mr. S. O. Blair was in Washington at the time and did not hear the fact till he reached Hamilton Sunday morning. The news came as a great sadness to the hundreds of friends of Mr. Blair in this county, where he was reared and with which he continued to be intimate all his life. He was a generous, big hearted man, who was never happier than when laying himself out in behalf of a friend. One of his last and most earnest efforts was put forth a few years ago in long, persistent, and invaluable labor in establishing the State Sanatorium for tuberculosis at Monroe.

The funeral will be held at the Methodist church to-morrow morning.

The following dispatch from Troy, his home, to The Charlotte Observer, tells vividly how Mr. Blair stood in his adopted home, and throughout the State:

"Born in South Carolina, December 9, 1861, Mr. Blair as a boy moved with his father, Dr. Isaac H. Blair, to Monroe. Here he received his early education and decided on his profession. About 1886 he located in Troy, soon became a leader of his party and was from the beginning successful in the practice of law.

"As a party leader he gained the distinction of being the first man to carry Montgomery county Democratic, and later represented her in both houses of the General Assembly.

"He was for years a member of the Democratic State Executive committee, and influential in State politics.

"As a lawyer Mr. Blair enjoyed a wide practice and the recognition of his ability was Statewide. "Perhaps more men, however, knew him in a social way. A cordial host, an entertaining talker and a thorough sportsman, up to the past decade no fox hunt was hardly ever thought of in this section without first finding out if Reece Blair could go. Generous and frank in his friendships, he was popular among men in every walk of life.

"Mr. Blair was married to Miss Ada Allen, daughter of Mr. C. F. Allen of Troy, January 4, 1904. She survives. Three brothers, Dr. John M. Blair of Monroe, R. K. Blair of Charlotte and S. O. Blair of Monroe, and two sisters, Mrs. Jas. A. Stewart and Mrs. B. C. Ashcraft of Monroe, also survive."

Short Term of Court.

Superior Court began yesterday, but no important cases to be tried, and the court will probably adjourn tonight or tomorrow. Judge T. J. Shaw is presiding. It is the first time he has been here since the time he presided at the famous trial of the Anson county lynchings. The grand jury is as follows: A. B. Garner, J. W. Cloutz, A. P. Philbert, W. H. Presson, Thos. W. Perry, C. B. Griffin, W. D. Anstine, Baxter L. Starnes, C. L. Simpson, Russell Laney, James B. Polk, T. A. Williams, W. L. Hembly, Marvin Starnes, C. C. Love, W. O. Bivens, R. H. Hargett, R. T. Niven.

Life of Officer Threatened.

Wednesday evening between 6:30 and 7 o'clock the following letter was dropped into the postoffice:

"Monroe, N. C., Jan. 21, 1914.

"To the purtice laney I hereby notify you to leave monroe at once for you are a grand raske I shd be that shot outen last week I shd be the back of his head your are next then I will tell who I am this is up to you can stay or make fast tracks. I am look out for you, now I am looking out for you now I give you a few days to get out of monroe if you don't I shall give you the birds you think you got the right man but I am he now get me if you are sharp, yours truly laney finder ans soon."

This letter has not caused Mr. Laney to lose any sleep. Similar ones have been sent him before. Nothing ever comes of such.

At Colored School.

Every colored person in the city of Monroe who is interested in the advancement of the colored youth, is invited to be present at "Lena Rivers," a play to be given in the school chapel Monday, February 2, beginning at 8 o'clock p. m. Admission five and ten cents. Proceeds to be applied to chapel organ fund.

W. C. KILLINGSWORTH.

Sends Prisoners to Lancaster Road.

Governor Blesse on Friday commuted the sentence of five convicts in the penitentiary, two of whom are serving sentences for murder, and the others for manslaughter, to the public works of Lancaster county. Frank Peterson, serving a life term for murder, has his sentence commuted to 20 years.

Death of Young Wife.

Mrs. Marvin Fowler of west Buford township died last Friday evening of blood poisoning after an illness of only four days. She was eighteen years of age and a member of Coriath Baptist church, at which church the remains were interred on Saturday evening in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. Rev. Braxton Craig conducting the services. Her untimely death was a great shock to the community in which she lived as well as friends and loved ones. She is survived by her husband and one child, which was born on Monday night before her death. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Alexander and sister of Mr. T. B. Alexander and Masters Otis and Page Alexander and Mrs. J. W. H. Hines all of west Monroe township. Mrs. Frank Inby of Ft. Mills, Mrs. P. O. Whitaker and Mrs. Stanley Spray of Monroe and Mrs. W. H. Fowler.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Robinson are in Charlotte for several months, where Mr. Robinson is in school.

Colored Boy Shot Dead By Another.

Callie Stewart, a colored boy nine years old, was shot and killed Friday night at the home of his father in Sandy Ridge township, by Columbus Starnes, another negro boy about twenty years old. There seems to have been no adequate cause for the deed, which took place about nine o'clock. The Starnes boy had been to the store of Clark Bros. at Union and bought some candy. This he took to the home of the Stewart family to make a call on one of the girls. Some dispute arose and Starnes picked up a pistol belonging to the boy's father and said, "I am going to shoot you," and did so. The boy dropped dead. Starnes was arrested by the Sheriff and lodged in jail. The Coroner, Mr. J. S. Plyler, held an inquest and ordered the prisoner held for the grand jury.

Mr. Outen Improving.

Mr. W. R. Outen, who is still in the hospital in Charlotte suffering from the effects of the murderous assault committed upon him last night two weeks ago, is improving. He has regained consciousness and his condition in every way is on the up grade. Mr. E. D. Worley, who is a neighbor of Mr. Outen's, spent the whole of Sunday with him and thinks that there is now little doubt of his full recovery. He says that the wound was dressed while he was there and that the doctor said that the danger of inflammation was past. He does not know anything about the assault, apparently. He remembers everything he did that evening up till the time he passed the electric light on the way home just before he was assaulted. He is now able to sit up some in bed, but it is not known when he can be brought home.

Had a Suit Case Full of Eyeglasses.

Several days last week a strange young negro was about the streets in Monroe offering to sell eyeglasses, sometimes as low as five cents per pair gold framed ones at that. This caused Chief Laney and Officer Fowler to keep their eyes on the darkey and wait developments. The development came Sunday night when Mr. Laney requested the fellow to walk down to the jail with him, where he has since been lodged. The negro gave his name as Reese Hamilton, and it turned out that he had come from Rutherfordton by way of Chester, where he trailed awhile on the chain gang. He was clothed in six layers of good shirts and had a suit case with more than a hundred pairs of glasses, besides a good many other articles. He claimed to have picked them up on the railroad when a box in a car burst. However, Mr. Laney is waiting to hear from the man from whom they were stolen.

Monroe Beat Charlotte Again.

The Monroe High School defeated the Charlotte High School in Monroe Friday afternoon in one of the prettiest games of basket ball seen on the local court this season. It was a hard-fought game from start to finish. At the end of the first half, the locals were ahead, but in the second half the score was tied, 16 to 16. Finally Monroe won the game by throwing two foul goals.

The features of the game for Charlotte were the work of Robinson in leading the basket and the effective guarding of Andrews. The features for Monroe were the guarding of Pukler, the work of Price at center, and the foul-goal shooting of Hunter.

Not very long ago the Charlotte basket ball team went to South Carolina and played the Winthrop Training School team, which held the championship of South Carolina. Charlotte won and became champions. Last Friday, the Monroe High School beat Charlotte by the score of 16 to 18, so now we are the champions of South Carolina, residing in North Carolina.

County Statement.

The Journal this week begins the publication of the annual county statement for 1913. The statement was made out by Register of Deeds M. C. Long, and gives the county expenses month by month. Mr. Long, who keeps right up to date with the work of his office, had the statement ready even before this, but its publication could not be commenced till this week. It will be found real interesting reading matter.

A VALUABLE IMPROVEMENT.

Aldermen Have Commenced Work of Digging Cistern That Will Put Cistern Well into Commission—Widening of Street.

The city aldermen have begun a very valuable work looking towards doubling the city water supply. The most valuable well on the lot where the power house is located was put out of commission some years ago by becoming stopped up about sixty-five feet from the top. This is the deepest well and has the strongest flow. It is nearly eleven hundred feet deep. The chain gang has been put to work digging a pit around this well which is to go down far enough to open the obstruction. This hole will then be cemented and prepared as a cistern that will hold a million gallons of water. It is figured that the water from the well will fill the cistern without having to be pumped.

At the same time that this work is going on the dirt which is being removed is used for filling in the extension of Franklin street to the junction of Windsor street near the McCauley residence. This street, which has heretofore been little more than a narrow alley, is being widened to 40 feet, and a good sidewalk will be built. It is being widened on the north side, the houses on the property of Messrs. H. A. Shute, H. B. Shute and O. C. Curlee being moved back for that purpose. These gentlemen gave the land in consideration of the houses being moved by the town and set back on the lots in good condition. Both the street improvement and the rescue of the well are very important improvements.

Report on Work of Associated Charities.

At a meeting of the Associated Charities last week a statement of the work accomplished was made to the contributors. The gist of the report is as follows: The beneficiaries of our efforts have come from different sources and in different ways. Some have come of their own accord, others have been recommended by ministers, physicians and citizens generally. Some of them have come direct to us and some have telephoned conditions of families needing help. Some are old and decrepit and some homeless and some sick. There have been cases of widows with small children, other cases where the head of the family was sick, or where the mother was sick and the father, even though at work, was unable to make ends meet. Not infrequently we have the professional charity seeker. In each case we have treated the cases as individual ones and did the best we could as the demands seemed to require and our funds would warrant. Among other things we helped send indigent children to Raleigh to be treated for mad dog bite. At Christmas we filled forty-two empty stockings and in addition sent eleven well-filled baskets to needy ones, both white and colored. We sincerely thank those who have helped in the work, and also The Monroe Journal for its aid from time to time and for receiving funds.

Preparing for the County Commencement.

We are now beginning to plan for our county commencement to be held near the close of the public school term, and we have decided to give as one feature of our exercises a public debate by boys of the rural schools, not to include pupils further advanced than the ninth grade.

We expect to select either four or six boys, the selection to be made by judges who will be appointed at the time of the preliminary debate, which we expect to have at the graded school building, Monroe, on Friday evening, February 20th, beginning at 8 o'clock.

Boys expecting to take part will please send in their names to me just as soon as possible, and prepare to discuss the question, Resolved: That the United States Should Extend Her Boundaries. They will have the privilege of discussing either side they choose.

At this meeting a question for the public debate will be selected. The speakers chosen and assigned their places in the debate.

If we find it practicable, we have decided to have at this time a few boys to declaim and a few girls to recite, looking toward contests at the time of the county commencement. This will include all pupils of the public schools, through the ninth grade. These wishing to take part will please send in their names as soon as possible.

In connection with the county commencement it is our aim, with the earnest co-operation of teachers and pupils, to have a school exhibit, showing the work of the schools, in all subjects in which it is convenient to make exhibits.

Remember the date for the preliminary debate, 8 p. m., Friday, Feb. 20th.

On further consideration we have decided that if there is a sufficient number wishing to take part in the public debate, we may arrange for two debates, one for the high school and one for the grammar school.

R. N. NISBET, Co. Supt.

A class in French at a co-ed college was orally translating a story about a cow from French to English. One girl persistently called the cow "he" a number of times, until the professor stopped her short and said: "He is she, miss; we milk her in the next sentence."