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Editorial Notes.

Now for the Orphanage.

In these Commencement times let us remember our schools.

The Methodist Sunday school of La Grange had a picnic at Beaufort one day last week.

REV. T. H. SUTTON is assisting Rev. L. S. Massey in a meeting at Morehead City.

REV. A. McCOLLEN has been assisting Rev. J. B. Hurley in a meeting at Wilson.

KEEP your eye on the good meetings reported in the ADVOCATE. May they be abundantly multiplied throughout the year.

BISHOP MORRISON has not yet moved his residence from Atlanta. Neither has Bishop Candler moved his residence from Oxford.

REV. N. M. WATSON, Business Manager of the ADVOCATE, will deliver the Commencement address for Jonesboro High School.

TWO RECENT issues of the *Texas Christian Advocate* reported nearly eleven hundred conversions, about five hundred of which were in seven charges.

DR. J. C. KIRBY will speak at the Burlington District Conference on Saturday at 11 o'clock on "The Twentieth Century Educational Movement of the M. E. Church South."

BE SURE to read the Bishops' letter on the third page. It is full of rich instruction, timely warning and solemn exhortation. Read it solemnly and prayerfully.

A delegate to the late Dental Convention says that Hon. J. H. Southgate delivered a most admirable address of welcome before that body.

THE next few months will be hard on the financial life of religious newspapers. Let the brethren do something extra for the ADVOCATE.

RIVERDALE M. E. Sunday School will have a picnic at Fort Mason on next Friday, while on June 21 the Kinston Sunday school will have one at Morehead City.

MR. W. T. FARMER, that earnest Sunday school worker and Christian gentleman of Wilson, will give his Sunday school at Barefoot's Chapel a picnic on May 24th. There will be an address delivered by some capable speaker.

IT WILL pay you to go to Trinity Commencement just to see the beautiful Memorial Hall. It has been completed, accepted, lighted, seated and carpeted. It is a noble monument to Braxton Craven. Rev. N. M. Jurney, Agent, deserves great credit for the work which he has done.

THE brethren have been very good lately in using their pens for the ADVOCATE. We appreciate what they have sent us. If any of them wonder why their articles have not appeared, we would explain it by saying that these articles are biding their time and will be published.

ALMOST every letter that comes to the office contains pleasant words about the "Old Raleigh." It is impossible for us to make the proper acknowledgements in every case. Let it be known that we appreciate these kind expressions. We have never gotten to that point where complimentary words are more bitter than sweet.

BROOKLYN SUNDAY SCHOOL had a most enjoyable picnic on last Saturday at Penny's Pond, a few miles from Raleigh. Mr. Joseph D. Riddle is the Superintendent of this school. He is a most efficient and enthusiastic officer, and has an eye single to the best interests of his school and church. The day was thoroughly enjoyed and there was a large crowd present.

THE departments in *The Methodist Magazine* are varied and refreshing. The first, "The Editor's Desk," touches a number of topics of current interest to Methodist folk, and others as well. The second, "Methodist Men and Women," is packed with terse and crisp personals concerning the leaders in all the wings of Methodism. The third department, "Chat Between Meetings," is quite out of the common order, being well written, but brief accounts of humorous occurrences in church meetings and in the religious realm generally. The magazine is published by Thomas D. Taylor, Methodist Book Concern Building, New York City.

IN ADDITION to the complete novel in the June Lippincott's, "Green Withes," by Jeanette H. Walworth, there is an interesting and informing article on "The Summer's Birds," by the well-known ornithologist, Dr. Charles C. Abbott. Mr. R. H. Stoddard gives his personal recollections of the poet Whittier. "The Samoan Feast of Pilau" is entertainingly described by Owen Hall, while "Chemistry in the Kitchen," by Albert G. Evans, and "Fires in Metalliferous Mines," by John E. Bennett, claim the attention of the reader.

CARY HIGH SCHOOL celebrated its Commencement last week. The exercises closed on Friday night with a most enjoyable concert. We had the pleasure of addressing the students on Friday morning. This school, under the superintendency of Prof. Middleton, has steadily grown until to-day it stands in the front rank of high schools in the South. He has an experienced faculty, and he draws patronage from all parts of the State. Cary is an exceedingly healthy place, and excellent board can be had for a very low price. The school has just closed one of its most successful sessions, and the outlook for next session is bright. The few hours spent in the hospitable home of Rev. J. E. White contributed much to the pleasure of the day spent in Cary.

LET all now get to work for the Orphanage. The location has been selected and donated by the city of Raleigh. The deed has been drawn. The money to begin the work is at hand. The public and the widows, superannuated preachers and orphans of North Carolina are watching to see what North Carolina Methodism is going to do with our new enterprise. We know enough to be able to say in all confidence that they are not going to be disappointed. Time will bring many changes and surprises. In years to come when we shall have an orphanage equipped with spacious buildings, and a large endowment, sheltering hundreds of the fatherless and motherless, and affording a home for the superannuated preachers and their wives, the generations will wonder why we were without such an institution so long.

We cannot give the purely charitable work into the hands of the State and the different orders. This work belongs pre-eminently to the Church. Let us now as a Church and as Methodists do with our might whatsoever our hands find to do. Brother, if you wish to donate your money to a cause which lies very close to the heart of God and angels, now is your time.

Personals.

Dr. Levi Branson will preach at the Methodist Church in Clayton, Sunday, May 28, at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m., by invitation of the pastor, Rev. J. T. Draper.

Messrs. Benton and Robbins, of the Soldiers' Home, spent a few minutes with us one day this week. We have a warm place in our hearts for these old veterans who are awaiting the final call.

Rev. W. L. Grissom, Missionary Secretary of the W. N. C. Conference, was an appreciated visitor on last Friday. Brother Grissom, in addition to this missionary work, is aiding the preachers in holding meetings.

Rev. L. J. Holden, who preached last Sunday for his old flock at Jonesboro, spent an hour with us in our office on last Monday. He is not so strong as we would like, yet he is able to fill all his appointments. May a kind Providence restore him fully.

Rev. C. W. Westbrooks, of Wilmington, and Mrs. Edwards, of Raleigh, were in our office on Monday morning. Mrs. Edwards is working in behalf of the W. C. T. U. Bro. Westbrooks speaks enthusiastically of the meeting held in Wilmington lately by Rev. C. B. Strouse.

Rev. N. R. Richardson, of the Albemarle Circuit, W. N. C. Conference, passed through Raleigh on last Friday on his way to Wendell High School Commencement, on which occasion he delivered the address. Bro. Richardson is at home in these parts, and his many friends were glad to see him.

N. C. Methodism.

WALLACE.—Rev. J. W. Wallace, after a brief stay in town greeting his numerous friends and former congregation returned home. This is the money season in his new field of labor, at Magnolia.—*Carolina Record*.

WILLIS.—Rev. R. A. Willis, P. E., of Elizabeth City District, spent several days with us last week; preached some able sermons and baptized several infants.—*Hatteras Correspondent*.

HARRISON AND ADVOCATE.—As an item of "postal news" allow me to say we are universally delighted with our new pastor, dear, good Bro. Harrison, without regard to denominational lines. He is working for the ADVOCATE, too. As to the paper, let me say, I have been reading it since I was six years old, and never remember it the superior of its present style. In fact, it is the best it has ever been, and I hope we will allow you to keep it so. FLORENCE SANFORD BROWN.

GOOD MEETINGS.—The Lord is blessing the Church and saving souls. At Scotland Neck, and Williamston, and Roanoke Rapids, many have been converted, and now Bro. Bundy is in the midst of a great revival in Weldon. Thirty-one at the altar last night, and a number converted.

J. E. UNDERWOOD.

ROWE.—Rev. Dr. J. C. Rowe, pastor of the West Market Methodist Church of Greensboro, will preach the commencement sermon, in Trinity Church, Thursday evening, June 1st. This is a happy selection. We understand that Dr. Rowe is regarded as one of the greatest preachers in the Western North Carolina Conference.—*Durham Sun*.

NORTH.—Mr. Harry North, once of this place, wins the Orator's medal in the Hesperian Society at Trinity College, this year. In the Columbian Society, Mr. Marvin Culbreth wins both the Debater's and Orator's medals. These young men are both exceedingly popular here and their friends are gratified to know of their success.—*Jonesboro Progress*.

YATES.—Dr. E. A. Yates, the eminent divine, preached two masterly sermons in the Methodist Church here yesterday. In the morning he preached from the text, "Ye who are heavily laden, come unto me," and at night he preached upon "Love." Both sermons were largely attended and much enjoyed.—*News and Observer*.

NORMAN.—Sunday was children's day at the Edenton Street Methodist Church and exercises appropriate to the day were held in the Sunday school room. At the morning service the pastor, Rev. W. C. Norman, preached a sermon especially to children. It was a very fine and exceedingly appropriate discourse.—*News and Observer*.

GOOD MEETING.—We are in the midst of a glorious revival at Weldon. From 17 to 21 penitents at the altar at each service last week. Young ladies, young men, and men from 30 to 50 years of age. Conversions at every service. Bro. Bundy is doing all the preaching. Large crowds attend, and Bro. Bundy preaches with great power, and sinners shake and tremble under his preaching. Pray for us. H. E. SPIERS.

ROSE.—Quarterly meeting of LaGrange circuit was held with the church here Saturday and Sunday. Presiding Elder W. S. Rose was present and preached interesting and instructive sermons both Saturday and Sunday. Saturday night children's day exercises were held. The children did well, and a nice collection was taken up for missions.—*Kinston Free Press*.

DAVENPORT COLLEGE.—The Board of Trustees of Davenport College held a meeting yesterday. Several applications for the presidency of the institution were considered. No final action was taken, but we feel safe in saying, a principal will be secured and the school will be opened during the summer or early fall. The Board meets again next Tuesday when final action will be taken on parties now being considered for president.—*Lenoir Topics*.

ROSE CHAPEL.—Children's Day was observed yesterday at Rose Chapel Methodist Sunday School, with appropriate and interesting exercises. To Mr. A. H. Smith, the efficient and faithful organist of the school, is largely due the successful training in their several parts of those who participated in the exercises. A large number were present, and greatly enjoyed the services, which were given over entirely to the young folks; a "Children's Day" service, indeed and in truth.—*Fayetteville Observer*.

TUTTLE.—The very able and popular pastor, Rev. M. H. Tuttle, discussed missions in a forcible and attractive manner and hit those opposed to Foreign missions some heavy blows. One of the interesting features of the services was the superior singing by the singing class at the Orphan Asylum, which was evidently enjoyed. The highly accomplished musician, Miss Eva Minor, presided at the organ. Rev. J. R. Pace assisted in the services.—*Oxford Ledger*.

OUR ORPHANAGE.—We believe that this institution will lie close to the heart of our State. Our people from all sections are coming to the Capital City, will have an opportunity of looking in upon the work of this institution and upon these orphaned hearts. And this personal contact with the work will create an interest and sympathy that otherwise would never exist. And many a prayer will go up to heaven and many a dollar will pour into this work that under other conditions would never have found utterance or service.—*News and Observer*.

NEW CHURCH.—Our Methodist friends are exercised over the question of enlarging their church accommodations, and we understand that they are halting between two opinions whether to build a new church or enlarge the old church. As an "amicus curiae" we beg to say that they are the largest and wealthiest Christian body in this town and can well afford to build a new church on an eligible site, and we hope they will do so, but if they choose to enlarge the capacity of the existing church we begin to suggest that they provide a fog horn in order to enable Brother Beaman to be heard to the utmost confines of the church.—*Elizabeth City Economist*.

Trinity Notes.

On last Friday evening there was held in the College Chapel a public debate by four young men of the Trinity Park High School. The question debated was, "Resolved, That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of North Carolina should be adopted." The affirmatives was supported by L. A. Lucas and F. N. Cranford, and the negative by W. S. Loudermilk and T. V. Judd. The Judges were Dr. N. P. Few, Dr. J. S. Bassett and Prof. A. H. Merritt. They decided that the speakers on the affirmative had presented the best argument, and that Mr. E. W. Cranford made the best of the four speeches.

President Kilgo left Thursday, to be gone for several days. Friday night he delivers an address in Benton, S. C., and on Sunday dedicates the Methodist Church at Williamston, S. C. Before returning he will deliver addresses at the closing exercises of Oakland Academy at Gastonia and the Raleigh Male Academy.

Examinations begin Saturday, May 20, and will continue for two weeks. All the railroads in the State will give reduced rates to Commencement.

J. W. Bailey, editor of the *Biblical Recorder*, will deliver the address at the closing exercises of the Trinity Park High School, Saturday, June 3.

Prof. J. C. Horner, of Horner's School, issued an invitation to all the colleges of the State to send representatives to Oxford, Friday, May 19, to arrange for an annual field meeting between the colleges of the State, to be held at Horner School during next collegiate year. Dr. N. P. Few, chairman of the athletic committee of the faculty, represented Trinity.

President Peacock, of Greensboro Female College, and Mr. O. W. Carr, of Greensboro, members of the board of trustees, visited friends at the Park this week.

Miss Fannie Carr, of Raleigh, a former student of the college, is visiting the Park.

Mr. S. A. Stewart, of the Junior Class, has lately returned from his home, where he was called on account of the death of his brother, Mr. B. F. Stewart, of the class of '94.

A gymnasium exhibition will be held this evening in the Angier Gymnasium, under the auspices of the Athletic Association. The program will be as follows: Dumbbell, hand and Indian club drills, exercises on horizontal and parallel bars, flying rings and German horse, running, high and broad jumping, and weight-lifting, ball games, tumbling and jumping.

Trinity Park, Durham, N. C., May 19, 1899.

Notices.

Treasurers of Womans Foreign Missionary Society auxiliaries will please send their June reports to Miss Frances Burkhead, Raleigh, N. C.

Church Extension.

It is due the Church that at this time special attention should be directed to the cause of Church Extension. Applications for donations amounting to more than \$80,000 were presented to the board at its recent meeting, and heartily endorsed by conference boards and Bishops as very needy, and many of them distressingly needy. The board could give relief only to the amount of about \$23,000, leaving many applicants entirely unprovided for. The Loan Funds in hand were sufficient to provide for only about half the applications. Under these circumstances it is exceedingly important that pastors and Presiding Elders throughout the church should look carefully after the collections for this object, and while giving all due attention to the other objects that are pressed upon them with universal emphasis at this time, Church Extension must not be allowed to suffer. The payment of assessments in full in every charge would provide only in part for the work that ought to be done and that the condition of the Church requires.

Respectfully,
P. H. WHISNER,
Secretary.

COMMENCEMENTS.

- LaGrange High School**
Wednesday, May 24th, 8 p. m., Concert.
Thursday, May 25th, 11 a. m., Literary Address by Rev. F. D. Swindell, D. D., Goldsboro, N. C.
8 p. m., Students' Recital.
- Mt. Olivet Academy.**
Tuesday, May 23d, 10 a. m., Exercises by Children.
11:30 a. m., Contest for Reciters Medal.
2 p. m., Contest for Declaimers Medal.
3 p. m., Literary Address by Rev. B. C. Thompson, Mebane, N. C.
8 p. m., Annual Concert.
- Oakland High School.**
Wednesday, May 24th, 8 p. m., Annual Sermon, by Rev. Frank Siler, Charlotte, N. C.
Friday, May 26th, 8 p. m., Literary Address, by Dr. John C. Kilgo, President Trinity College.
Annual Concert.

Sunday School.

LESSON IX., MAY 28, 1898

Christ Before Pilate.—John xvii, 28-49
BY J. H. CARLISLE, LL. D.

Without trying to bring in all the incidents of this stage of the trial, we notice only John's account. A conversation between Jesus and Pilate fills most of the lesson. In the beginning and at the end of the Jews, in a crowd mob led by their priests, take a house of Pilate; but they must stand in front of this Gentile, heathen home. To enter its porch would pollute the unfitting them to continue the sacred exercises of the Passover week. Men need to shed innocent blood could not, with clear conscience, put their feet on Pilate's doorstep! Have we anything like that now? To some degree our race still object lessons like that, and they are found in religious circles. Inconsistency of greater or less magnitude are perhaps found in all our churches. It is an English bishop who gives these instances. "Robbers and murderers in some countries are extremely strict about confession and absolution and prayers to saints. Just so, many people in England will attach immense importance to fastings, keeping Lent and attending saints' services, while they see no harm in going to races, operas, and balls at other times. Persons who have very low notions about the seventh commandment will actually tell us that it is wrong to be married. Lent! The very same persons who totally disregard Sunday abroad will make much ado about saint's day at home. Absurd strictness about Lent, and excess of riot and licentiousness in carnival, often go together. . . . There is a step from Lent to carnival." (Ryle.)

While Jesus was led into the palace Pilate went out in the street to meet the Jews. He opened the subject properly, saying, in substance: "I see you have brought a prisoner. Give me the man in his case; let me hear definitely the crimes alleged against him." This calm and fair appeal surprised and displeased the angry accusers. They answered about these words: "You might have taken for granted that we would not let an innocent man before you in fetters, course he is a guilty man." "Very well answered Pilate; 'as you know all about his guilt, take him away and try him your laws.'" Their answer showed the embarrassing position: "We have already tried him and found him guilty; he is worthy of death, but you Romans have taken from us the power to put him to death. We wish you to say that our sentence shall be carried out." Beyond the above these debating accusers there was a controlling, unknown element of Jesus, who was near by listening to the questions and answers, had said that would die on the cross. If the Jews had carried out their sentence, or if he had hurried him to death, as Stephen later, the death would have been by stoning. Man proposes, but God disposes and decides. Finding no satisfaction with the angry, unreasonable crowd without, Pilate went back into hall to hold a private interview with the silent prisoner. "I hear such words: 'king,' 'kingdom'; I do not understand them. Do you really claim to be a king among our people, or over them?" This was the spirit of Pilate's respectful, earnest question, to which Jesus gave an answer that startled him. "Sayest thou of thyself, or did others tell thee concerning me?" (R. V.) Pilate was thrown back on his own sincerity and honor, to recall whether his question arose from personal interest in the case or whether he was becoming a partner in a scheme to persecute an innocent one. His answer showed some feeling: "You know I am not a Jew. I take no interest in your Jewish questions and quarrels. My people have not accused you. Your own people have brought you here—tell me something about yourself: who are you, and what have you done?" The must have been a vein of honesty and sincerity in the rough, ignorant Roman ruler. Jesus answered him more fully: "My kingdom is not of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now is my kingdom not from hence. All this opened a flood of truth and history entirely to Pilate. A bound, friendless prisoner talking calmly and confidently about a kingdom pressing no surprise or sorrow that his servants had left him to his fate, while an effort to resist his enemies; claiming a kingdom in which earthly prizes and powers and motives played no part whatever. All this was very puzzling to Pilate. He wanted more light. "Put all this in plain words, and tell me at once whether you really claim, in any sense that interests me or my royal master in Rome, to be king?" Jesus answered: "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born and for this cause came I into the world."