

REVIVAL MEETING AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

To Close Friday Night—Large Attendance and Much Interest at Each Service. Great Sermons by Dr. Poe And Fine Song Services Led by Mr. Wolslagel. Several Have United With Church. Subject Tonight "Voices That Call, or the Universal Interest in the Salvation of the Soul." Special Themes Discussed Each Night.

The Poe-Wolslagel meeting at the Baptist church is growing in attendance and in interest. The services Sunday night and Monday night were the most largely attended of any services ever held in a Smithfield church. Both nights the church was filled to its full capacity. The sermon last night was on "The Sins of Smithfield and Community." The sermon was great in its heart searching and soul stirring power. The music was of the best and the service was a very good one.

Services will be held each afternoon at 3:30 and each evening at eight up to and including Friday night. The subject for tonight is "Voices That Call, or the Universal Interest in the Salvation of the Soul."

Wednesday night: "Church and Sunday School Officers and Teachers Night."

Thursday night: "Rally Night."

Friday night: "Farewell Service with sermon on Heaven."

Last night there were a great many people from the surrounding community, and Selma, Pine Level and other nearby places.

Prepare to Meet God.

If there were no other good to be derived from attending the revival at the Baptist church, just to come in contact with Mr. Wolslagel and his smiles that drive the blues away, is compensation enough for any one evening's attendance. Mr. Wolslagel does not believe in a sad Christianity and his cheerful optimistic spirit is very contagious.

Dr. Poe's sermon Friday night was one of solemn warning. He read his text from Amos 4:12—"Prepare to meet thy God." Dr. Poe said that if he had only one day to live and could deliver but one message, that he would rather proclaim this solemn truth to all mankind—"Prepare to meet thy God." "When Daniel Webster was asked what he considered the most important thought that he had ever pondered in his mind, he replied, "My responsibility to Almighty God."

In discussing this subject, Dr. Poe asked the question, "Who is it that we are to meet?" The answer comes ringing out from the text—"Prepare to meet thy God." It is the God of the universe; the God of love; the God of truth; the God of justice. It is to this God that all mankind is responsible, and to whom all must give account for the way this earthly life is used. When the sun has ceased to shine and the stars and the moon have been banished from the firmament the soul of man will still be responsible to the God who created it.

Dr. Poe asked another question—Why should we prepare to meet God? We should be ready to meet God because that in this present life there is more joy and happiness to the one who lives such a life that he would not be ashamed nor condemned if he were called to give an account of the deeds done in the body. If there were no eternity; if there were no life after death, it would be far better to live the Christian life. No one can be truly happy who lives in open rebellion against God. Many young people entertain the idea that to become a Christian would deprive them of every pleasure and enjoyment of life, while in reality it only adds to one's capacity to enjoy life.

Why should we prepare to meet God? Because of the solemn fact that we must meet Him, prepared or unprepared. Not one soul will escape the judgment bar of God. Dr. Poe said that if a thing must be done, his experience had been that it paid to get ready while there is time. He related the story of the foolish virgins—they failed to make preparation for the coming of the bridegroom, and the door was shut against them. He also told of the experience of the infidel who scoffed at the idea of God and made no preparation to meet Him but when he came to die, he was of all men most miserable and afraid

for the nurse to leave him for a moment. It is a terrible thing to have to meet God unprepared.

Turning to the bright side of the picture, Dr. Poe said, "It's a beautiful thing to the Christian to meet God." After a life of burdens, and a body broken with pain and suffering, how happy it is to be freed from all pain and to spend eternity with the redeemed of God! "Prepare to meet thy God."

When the invitation was given five presented themselves for church membership—two by letter and three on profession of faith.

Caring for the Soul.

A good large crowd for a Saturday night meeting greeted Dr. Poe and Mr. Wolslagel at the Baptist church Saturday night. The text used was Psalms 142:4 "No man cared for my soul." For a person to feel this way is one of the most pathetic and pitiful situations one can fall into. There is no soul anywhere in the whole wide world that there is not some one who cares for it. The preacher and the singer and the true Christians care for the souls of those about us. But there are folks who are so filled with thoughts of the material things of life that they care not for their own souls. They let worldly pleasures and the cares of the world so fill their hearts that they have no room for thoughts of their own immortal souls. Such a situation is tragic and deplorable.

Nothing can be more tragic than for a person to so disregard his own soul, that part of him that lives forever. The sermon carried a fine message for all, Christian and unsaved. At the close of the service the invitation was given and one was received for baptism. As usual the song service led by Mr. Wolslagel was one of the best features of the meeting. Mr. Wolslagel is a sweet gospel singer whose solos go right to the hearts of those who hear him. He is proving to be a wonderful helper to the preacher. His ever winning smile and the happiness that beams forth from his countenance at all times tell the story of his happy Christian life that glories in service for his Master.

John Three-Sixteen.

Dr. Poe preached one of his greatest sermons at the morning service at the Baptist church Sunday from one of the best known texts in the Bible, John 3:16: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." A large congregation was present expecting him to preach on the subject announced, "Three Kinds of Christians." But Dr. Poe stated that he felt that he had been led of the Spirit to preach on John 3:16, and the great congregation was glad to hear him on this great subject.

The preacher said in the beginning that Martin Luther had called this text "The Little Gospel." Once a great English preacher came to America and preached in Dwight L. Moody's church in Chicago one Sunday morning. He used John 3:16, and preached a most wonderful sermon. Mr. Moody being absent the members of the church asked him to preach again at night. To the astonishment of his hearers he announced the same text for the night service and the sermon was just as fresh as though he had not preached on it in the morning. He was asked to preach for them again on Monday night and John 3:16 was the text for the third time, and the sermon was just as new and inspiring as the first one. Mr. Moody had returned and was present at the service and so well pleased was he that he invited the great preacher to stay and preach for them all the week. So on Tuesday night the minister again took the same text, and as before it was as new as ever. And so on through the week John 3:16 was the text for every night. And the people were greatly refreshed and found that the wonderful text was still unexhausted. The great preacher stated he could preach seven more sermons from the same text and still find it unexhausted.

Dr. Poe said that in the first place the text was a revelation of God's unspeakable and immeasurable love. "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." The mothers and fathers who gave their sons to go forth to fight the battles of the great world war, in a measure showed something of their great love for their country in giving their sons to die for it. God gave his only Son who was equal with him in heaven

and who created all things. In the Civil war when Mr. Moody was a chaplain in a hospital a wounded soldier was brought in. He was wounded unto death and Mr. Moody went to him and brought up the question of his soul, and finding him not a Christian read John 3:14-16 to him: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life." The man listened to the wonderful words and asked him to read them again. This he did and still, "read them again" was the dying man's request. Mr. Moody had to go and told a nurse to watch the man and if he showed any interest tell him. She promised and Mr. Moody went on his way. The next morning he came again, but the cot on which the man lay was empty. The nurse was questioned and replied: "Just before the man died I went near him and saw his lips moving and bent over him and heard him repeating over and over the text. When asked if he had any message to leave for any one, he replied: 'Tell mother I died happy'."

In the second place the text shows God's great gift. Love is never measured in returns. It is freely given to all who will receive it. A mother's love is the deepest and greatest of earthly loves. Dr. Poe told the story of the mother who followed her son through his whole life even down to his death as a criminal and when his body was refused her she then plead for a place to be buried by his side in the prison burial ground. God's love is freely given and far surpasses the depths of a mother's love.

In the third place the text shows God's great invitation. Whosoever will is invited to come and rest from sin, rest from guilt, rest from a burning conscience. This was the message of the great John Wesley whose love for humanity was as wide and as deep as the sea.

And lastly the text shows God's great promise, that ye shall have eternal life. It is the best and happiest life here, even though there were no eternity. And in the life to come God promises to all those who accept Jesus Christ heaven and happiness forever.

The message of the morning was one full of hope and joy to all those who are striving though in a weak and humble way to do God's will here on earth. At the close of the service five were received into the church.

In beginning the service the preacher congratulated the churches of the town for holding their regular morning services. He said that a great many more people were in the churches worshipping God at that hour than would have been if the other pastors had called off their services. He further extended a glad welcome to all the people of the town to worship together at the evening service.

Sunday Evening Service.

At the night service the greatest crowd ever assembled in a Smithfield church were present.

The subject was "No Room for Jesus." The sermon was a great one. We shall not attempt to review it but to mention only a brief outline. There should be room for Jesus in business. It makes for better and more successful business life. There should be room for Jesus in the home. No home should ever try to get along without Jesus. It makes a sweeter home, a happier home. Jesus should be in every home. There should be room for Jesus in the social life. The greatest pleasure that comes to any one is the pleasure that Jesus gives. There is no right kind of pleasure that He cannot be taken in. And in the last place there is room for Jesus when we come down to die. He makes the journey through the valley of the shadow of death a happy gateway into heaven and the life eternal.

At the close of the service four were received into the church. As in other services the music led by Mr. Wolslagel was a feature of the meeting.

Monday Afternoon Service.

Dr. Poe called the Monday afternoon service "Old Folks' Meeting" and a goodly number of those whose hair is whitened by the frosts of many winters were there to enjoy the many precious promises the preacher brought to them from the Word of God. The hymns used were, many of them, the old favorites known and

HON. CAM MORRISON AND SENATOR OVERMAN

Both These Distinguished Gentlemen To Speak in Smithfield Within the Next Week. Mr. Morrison Speaks Here Next Saturday Afternoon in the Court House at Two O'clock. Senator Overman Here Next Monday.

The people of this section are to hear within the next week two of the principal candidates in the political race—Senator Overman, who is seeking renomination and a re-election to the United States Senate, and Hon. Cameron Morrison, who is seeking the nomination for Governor. Both have many strong friends in Johnston county who will be present to rally to the cause of their favorite. Mr. Morrison will speak in the court house here next Saturday, May 8, at two o'clock. Senator Overman will deliver the Memorial Address here next Monday, May Tenth. The Senator comes upon invitation of the Holt-Sanders Chapter of the Daughters of the Confederacy. The people of the county are given an earnest invitation to come and hear these distinguished gentlemen.

It is sent out from Washington that his appearance at Smithfield will be the only occasion on which Senator Overman will make an address in the primary campaign.

ADMINISTRATION SCORES A SWEEPING VICTORY

Bailey's Anti-Wilson Crowd Smarts Under Stinging Defeat at Polls.

Dallas, Texas, May 2.—Latest returns tonight from Saturday's democratic precinct conventions throughout Texas showed definitely that candidates favoring the present national administration had won 1,200 of the 1,400 votes in the state convention to be held May 25.

The anti-administration forces, headed by former Senator Joseph W. Bailey, according to available returns, had obtained 49 of the state convention votes. One hundred and 51 votes still were unaccounted for in the unofficial returns.

Tabulators made no effort to record the votes cast in the precinct meetings, having confined themselves to the tabulation of county convention delegates and their instructions on national questions.

Complete returns will not be available, it was said, until the county conventions meet Tuesday to select the state convention delegates in accordance with instructions given by yesterday's precinct meetings.

In Memory of Editor Caldwell.

An elegant silver loving cup was presented to the Literature Department of the State Federation of Women's Clubs by Mrs. Gordan Finger Thursday night as a memorial to the late Joseph P. Caldwell, editor of the Charlotte Observer. The presentation was made at a dinner in honor of members of the State Federation, Mrs. Lindsay Patterson being the speaker.

The Dunn Dispatch has announced that its price will be two dollars a year after June 1. The Dispatch recently changed from a weekly to a semi-weekly, and at once saw that a twice-a-week paper could not be published at the old rate of \$1.50 per year.

Sung forty years and more ago, such as "How Firm a Foundation," "Amazing Grace," and others. There was no particular text used, but many verses of Scripture suitable to the occasion were quoted. The whole sermon was tender and sympathetic and full of assurance to the Christian who is steadily pressing onward towards the day when God will say: "It is enough, come up higher."

Perhaps the largest afternoon congregation was present at the meeting and all enjoyed the service. The solos of Mr. Wolslagel were full of tenderness and filled the hearts of those who heard with joy. Several of those present testified to the fact that they had been trying to serve God in their own feeble way for forty years or more, and the older they grew the greater was their joy in the Christian life. There were four present who, taken together, had been trying to serve God more than 200 years.

SUDDEN DEATH YOUNG LADY.

Miss Ora Atkinson Stricken at School Close Thursday Night and Died Two Hours Later.

Miss Ora Atkinson, youngest daughter of Mr. A. D. Atkinson, of near Kenly, while attending the closing exercises of Glendale high school on the 29th inst., was stricken with vertigo and carried to the home of Mr. J. H. Durham near by where she died about two hours later. Miss Ora was a very sweet lady and much admired and loved by all who knew her. She was laid to rest in the family burying plot April 30th, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. C. E. Clark of the Kenly Presbyterian church of which she was a member.

The floral offerings were numerous and very beautiful and the funeral was attended by a large congregation attesting the high esteem in which she was held. The bereaved parents and friends have our sympathy in this their sore bereavement.

Kenly, N. C. N. R. P.

For Memorial Building at Trinity.

Trinity College, Durham, N. C., May 1.—Plans have been completed for the drive for funds to build the Memorial Gymnasium at Trinity in honor of her twenty-two sons who gave their lives in the World War. May 1 to May 10 has been set as the date of the drive and it is expected that during that period sufficient progress will be made to insure the commencement of work this summer.

Already \$35,000 has been pledged, and the purpose of the drive is to increase this amount to \$125,000. By the opening of the college year 1921-22 it is expected that this new structure will be in use by Trinity students and serving as the scene of athletic events between Trinity and other colleges of the state.

In Wake and Johnston counties Willis Smith, of Raleigh, will have charge of the drive, assisted by local alumni.

Lyon Not Willing for One Primary.

John G. Shaw of Fayetteville has proposed to the other candidates for Congress in the Sixth District that the man receiving the highest vote in the first primary be declared the nominee. Congressman Godwin and Mr. Shaw both agree to this, but Homer Lyon of Whiteville will not accept. The probabilities are that only one primary will be necessary and that one man in the first primary will get more votes than the other two.

Wilson Drives 70 Miles.

President Wilson again bore out the assertions of his physician, Admiral Grayson, that he is rapidly recovering his strength and vigor by taking a three-hour motor drive Thursday in an open touring car, leaving the White House shortly after 2 o'clock and returning a little after 5 o'clock.

Two significant things were observed by White House attaches in the drive. One was that for the first time since the United States declared war against Germany in 1917 he occupied his favorite seat by the chauffeur instead of in the tonneau, and the other that he left the city of Washington for the first time since he arrived here when forced to abandon his speaking tour last fall.

The party which included Mrs. Wilson, her mother, Mrs. Bolling, and Miss Bertha Bolling and John Randolph Bolling, Mrs. Wilson's sister and brother, was driven to La Platte, Md., which is thirty-five miles from Washington.

President Wilson is said to have been in the best of spirits during the trip, and on his return showed no ill effects of the seventy-mile drive.—Washington dispatch in New York World.

To Help Sugar Prices.

Sugar refiners have entered into an agreement with the Department of Justice to help the government in decreasing speculation on sugar. They will endeavor to prevent the resale of sugar to the trade. They propose to sell only to firms through which the commodity would take a direct course to the consumer.

Now We Know Who Buys Them.

If there are many more strikes, the demand for silk shirts will fall off.—Albany Journal.

REPRESENTATIVE POU HIGHLY HONORED

Congressman From the Fourth District Chosen by His Colleagues to Be Member from North Carolina on Congressional Campaign Committee. Scott Ferris of Oklahoma Is Chairman.

Representative Edwin W. Pou was today chosen by his North Carolina colleagues in the House as the Tar Heel member of the Democratic congressional campaign committee, succeeding former Representative E. Yates Webb, who was appointed to the Federal bench some time ago.

It is a distinct compliment which his fellow Democrats pay Mr. Pou by naming him as the State's member of the congressional committee. This committee works separately and in co-operation with the Democratic National committee, but confines its activity largely to congressional contests.

The committee is headed by Representative Scott Ferris, of Oklahoma, who has a little campaign of his own out in Oklahoma. Representative Ferris is one of the most popular members of the House, is a candidate for the Democratic nomination to succeed United States Senator Gore.

On the committee, Mr. Pou will represent the State delegation in an advisory way regarding matters of general policy and will speak for the delegation in connection with matters of particular interest to North Carolina. He will be active in the committee's program of getting before the people the record of the Wilson administration and the fight for returning the Democrats to power in both branches of Congress at the November elections.—Washington Letter in News and Observer, April 30.

Blame Small Dealers for Scarcity.

Washington, April 28.—Blame for the price of print paper was placed primarily upon small manufacturers, brokers, and jobbers, although publishers themselves were held partly to blame by witnesses today before a Senate investigating committee. Curtailed consumption in order to break the spot market pending increased production was generally advocated as a remedy. Seven witnesses were heard by the committees all of whom virtually agreed that reduced production of paper due to lack of understanding between the publishers and manufacturers together with the rapid increase in advertising since the war had resulted in a situation of which the brokers and jobbers had taken advantage. Because of the prevailing high prices the witnesses said manufacturers of paper specialties had been enticed into the manufacture of print paper which had served to aggravate the situation. The regular paper manufacturers were defended and declared to have been reasonable in making new contracts. The witnesses, however, urged that newspapers should confine consumption of paper to the amount provided in their contracts and remain out of the open market.

Arraigns Congress and People.

Washington, April, 30.—Senator Thomas, Democrat, Colorado, renewing his attack on the soldier bonus proposals in the senate today, arraigned Congress and the American public alike for what he termed their indifference to the condition of the government finances.

"It is another demonstration of an ability of an organized group to get its will politically," said Senator Thomas. "They are all down here, the Koreans, the Chinese, the Irish, the Plumb planners, the legislative committees of a myriad other things—and in the last analysis the one thing they want is public money. You, the American people, they recognize only as a source of supply, over whose spoils they busily ravage."

Federation to Wilmington.

Selecting Wilmington as the place of meeting in 1921, the 18th annual convention of the North Carolina Federation of Women's clubs closed Thursday night with a violin recital by Israel Dorman, of Baltimore, and an address by Mrs. Thomas G. Winter, second vice president of the General Federation of Women's clubs, on the subject of "Citizenship."