

### THE GROWTH OF A CHURCH.

**A Condensed Historical Sketch of Main Street Methodist Church From Its Inception to the Present.**

The past week has been a memorable one in Methodist circles in Gastonia, the occasion being the dedication of the handsome church edifice erected by the congregation of the Main street church. In view of this fact a brief resume of the history and work of this church may not be inappropriate at this time.

Long before Gastonia was even a village Methodistism was represented here by some exhorter, class leader or travelling preacher. Sometime during the early forties there was organized a Methodist society known as Shiloh, located in the eastern part of the town near the present site of the Modena mill. This was the second society organized in the county, the first being Bethesda church, located some five miles south east of town. Shiloh more than held its own for upwards of a quarter of a century. About two years before the outbreak of the civil war the sharp agitation then rife in the country caused a split in this church, with the result that in 1859 or 1860 several union sympathizers withdrew fellowship from the church. It appears that at this date the church had only 25 or 30 regular members, though the attendance was always large.

During the '70s there was opened up on these grounds what was known as Shiloh camp-ground. A large brush

to the present. Shiloh as a church came to an end about the summer of 1881. By this time the old academy had been built and the Methodist congregation worshiped there till about 1885, when the brick church was built. At this time Gastonia had grown to be a neat little village.

The first substantial M. E. Church South built here was the brick church erected at the corner of Main street and Oakland avenue during the pastorate of Rev. S. J. McLeod in 1884. The building was completed in 1885 under the pastorate of Rev. J. B. Carpenter and was dedicated by Bishop W. W. Duncan in 1888. The cost of this structure was about \$1,200. So great was the enhancement in value of this property that at the time it was torn down to make room for the present handsome structure it was worth four times its original cost. It was not until 1895 that the Main street church was made a station, this being during the fourth year of the pastorate of Rev. C. M. Campbell. It was also under his ministry that the present parsonage was built at a cost of \$2,500. With its beginning as a station new life was infused into it along all lines and from then till now the history of the church has been one of marvelous spiritual and material growth and progress.

Rev. C. M. Campbell was succeeded by Rev. W. M. Bagby who came to the church in 1896. His three years' pastorate were years of great usefulness. His energies were directed, during his first year's pastorate, to the building of a Methodist high

school with the result that a commodious two-story six room brick building was erected and furnished at a cost of nearly \$4,000. This building was subsequently sold to the town and is now used as the central graded school. In 1897 he conceived the idea of extending Methodism in Gastonia and built the West End church at a cost of \$1,200. After having served the church for three years Mr. Bagby was succeeded by Dr. G. H. Detwiler. The work already inaugurated was carried forward by Dr. Detwiler. He gave great service to the school, a renewed impetus to the church, and crowned his work here by build-

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During his ministry Dr. Detwiler added largely to the membership of the church and raised, in addition to the \$20,000 which represents the cost of the church, a Twentieth Century fund of more than \$1,000. It was the pleasure of this church to entertain the annual conference in the fall of 1901. Dr. Detwiler was succeeded by Dr. H. F. Chreitberg who came here in November, 1901. The same conference sent to the West End and Ozark churches Rev. John H. Bradley, who greatly built up the West End congregation and built a new \$1,000 frame church building at the Ozark mill. Dr. Chreitberg gave the church two years of good service. The present pastor of West End and Ozark churches is Rev. J. W. Ingle.

Rev. E. L. Bain was appointed to the pastorate of this church in November, 1903. In seven months' service he has shown himself a preacher of power and consecration and has labored diligently for the spiritual and material good of the church. Within the two quarters just closed, that is within six months, he has liquidated the indebtedness on the parsonage, (there has been no indebtedness on the church since the day of its opening in December, 1900), an amount of \$3,600. Besides this there has been raised during the quarter just ended for other church purposes \$3,400, in addition to which \$1,400 is pledged to be paid by November, which will make a grand total for the year of \$7,400. In six years this church has raised for all purposes \$40,650, an average of \$6,775 per year.

The membership of the three Methodist churches is as follows: Main Street, 350; West End, 227; Ozark, 169; making a total of 746. Each church has a flourishing Sunday school and other auxiliary societies.

The board of Stewards of Main Street church is as follows: J. H. Separk, chairman, J. K. Dixon, treasurer, R. B. Babington, secretary, A. R. Anders, Geo. A. Gray, B. T. Morris, S. M. Morris, C. M. Nolen, R. P. Rankin, J. A. Glenn, W. H. Jenkins.

### BISHOP WILSON'S SERMON.

**Dedication of Methodist Church Witnessed by Large Congregation—Splendid Sermon by Bishop Wilson.**

The large auditorium and the Sunday school room of Main Street Methodist church were filled Sunday morning before the hour for dedication services to begin. Bishop A. W. Wilson of Baltimore preached a magnificent sermon and read the dedicatory service. A pleasing feature of the occasion was a duet by Capt. Robert L. Durham of Spartanburg and Miss Mamie Chreitberg of Winston-Salem.

Bishop Wilson's text was Matt. 22, 37-40, which is the reply of Jesus to the Pharisaical lawyer who had heard how the Master had put the Sadducees to silence and who thereupon came to him and in a casuistic spirit enquired, "Master, which is the great commandment in the law?" The Bishop said that, because this was a crucial question among the Jewish legalists, it is probable the passage in the tenth chapter of Luke, although the subject of conversation between Jesus and a certain lawyer is the same as that recorded here, refers to an altogether different incident.

After giving a luminous historic setting to his text Bishop Wilson entered upon a noble discussion of the primacy and supremacy of love, showing that back of all law, ceremonial or moral, love was the element which gave it its worth. Law is a device for repressing evil, and he who loves God with all his heart and soul and mind lives in

### TO THE GANG FOR CONTEMPT.

**Charlotte Negro Wanted to Smoke and Wear His Hat in the Presence of the Court.**

Lawyers may say what they please of a Superior Court judge and a newspaper editor may impugn the motives of a United States Court judge without suffering the penalty of an attachment for contempt of court, but the game cannot be played with impunity in the recorder's court of Charlotte. A negro who was adjudged in contempt of court this morning was sent to the chain-gang for 30 days, in addition to another sentence of equal length for disorderly conduct.

The prisoner who was made to feel the power of the law is Sain McDonald, colored, who was in the recorder's court to answer a charge of disorderly conduct. The negro met Officer Brown last night and acted as if he would like to walk over the policeman. When Officer Brown spoke to McDonald, the negro replied:

"Damn you, I would as soon walk over you as anybody else." When the policeman attempted to place McDonald under arrest, the negro resisted, and it was not until assistance was called that the obstreperous prisoner was placed behind the bars at the police station.

When the negro was brought out for trial this morning, he took his seat among the other prisoners, and without removing his hat, proceeded to smoke a cigarette. When ordered to remove his hat and throw away the cigarette, the negro spoke insolently to the recorder. Chief Irwin then took a hand in the affair and ordered the negro taken from the room. But Sam had no idea of going—at least not until after a struggle. After a little confusion, two or three officers succeeded in taking him back to a cell, where he remained until the cases against the prisoners had been disposed of.

When brought back into the court room, McDonald was sentenced to the chain-gang for 30 days for disorderly conduct last night. The sentence, was received with indifference, the negro remarking that he would "fix things" when he got off the roads.

### Headache Powders Dangerous.

Less than a year ago a young woman in Warren County was fatally poisoned by taking headache powders, and in Camden this week a little child was killed by its parent, who, with the best intentions, gave it a powder to cure it of the headache. The drug market is full of headache powders of every description. The great majority of them are composed wholly or in part of one or more of the medicinal products of coal tar. There is a large variety of these products, but their use is dangerous excepting under the advice of competent physicians. Nearly every one of them, if not the whole variety, acts upon the heart, at times with fatal results, and for this reason should be taken or administered only by a doctor's order or advice.

### PISGAH PENCILINGS.

*Correspondence of the Gazette.*

Pisgah, June 11.—Business engagements hindered us from attending the commencement exercises at Jones Seminary, much to our regret, as we wished to feast our eyes and ears on the pretty girls and their entertainment and be prepared to write it up. The largest crowd present at the Seminary in several years assembled there on Tuesday of this week to witness the closing exercises; we are informed that the declamations, recitations and other exercises were good. Rev. A. T. Lindsay is principal. Farmers are busy plowing corn and cotton.

Mr. Oscar Torrence has purchased a new buggy—what next? There will be something doing ere the "fossy" leaves of the "chainy" tree casts its foliage this fall.

Mr. Geo. M. Howell has sold over one hundred dozen onions this spring. Mr. Howell has the finest onions in this part of the vineyard. He has set out something like 2,500 sweet potato sprouts and will set out about one thousand more.

Col. R. D. Martin has received a very urgent letter from the American Humane Society requesting him to organize a band of mercy in Gastonia or Gaston county; there is no initiation fee. All interested in the work of prevention of cruelty to animals are requested to write to him at once. Let a man spring into the public view and he is besieged with all sorts of requests for charitable purposes.

Our Union Grove brethren held a baptizing near Mr. J. Frank Spencer's Sabbath evening; quite a large crowd was there to see the ceremony. Mr. John A. Morrow has been quite sick this week.

The law gives the first 20 days of June as the limit for listing taxes; failure to list is punishable by double taxation; read this paragraph twice.

Col. Henry Watterson, the gifted editor of the "Courier Journal" has sent us his address on "The Editorial Page," which takes up 13 columns of the Courier Journal and requests an exchange. The address was delivered in St. Louis at the World's Press Parliament and International Press Congress. Our esteemed contemporary is mistaken, we do not occupy an editorial chair.

The following have been sent us by the United States department of Agriculture for the library: Wide-tire laws for road vehicles; The vanilla bean; Russian cereals; the hog industry, part I, pages 1-100; the hog industry, part II, pages 101-199; the hog industry, part III, pages 200-299; Egyptian scotton culture; The Arizona date palms. Total volumes in library on agriculture June 1, 492.

We suggest that Governor Aycock and Hon. Stonewall Durham be in the automobile during the parade July 2; let all other automobiles in the county be here.

Mr. C. W. Lindsay, a drummer of High Point, died suddenly in the police station at Charlotte Saturday afternoon of heart disease, superinduced by drunkenness.

### IT COSTS YOU NOTHING.

J. H. Kennedy & Co. Will Return Your Money if Mi-o-na Does Not Cure You.

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MAIN ST. METHODIST CHURCH.

Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
Her hymns of love and praise.

avor was erected to accommodate the large crowds that assembled annually for the meeting. The fame of this camp-meeting ground spread far and near to the extent that within a few years it drew attendance from all over Gaston, Lincoln, Cleveland, Catawba, Mecklenburg and other adjoining counties and even from South Carolina. In the '50s Shiloh church, then a little log building, was burned but so great was the zeal of the members that they rebuilt it within a week's time. This building stood till about 1881.

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THE OLD BUILDING.

1894-1900.

The tread of many a noiseless foot  
That sought thy aisles, is o'er.

horters and class leaders with an occasional sermon by a traveling preacher. It was then a part of the old Lincoln circuit which embraced a score or more of churches and a territory now covered by a score of preachers. During the '70s and a part of the '80s Gastonia was a part of the Dallas circuit, which embraced Dallas, Concord church, Kelly's Chapel, Landers, Chapel, Lowell, Gastonia, and Bethesda. Most of these organizations have remained intact

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### IT IS A MATTER OF HEALTH



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