

A considerable amount of matter is omitted this week, much of it of interest to the veterans, in order to make room for the report of the New Hope centennial. The left over matter will not spoil, however, and we will give it in future issues.

The opposition of North Carolina congressmen to the special appropriation for Southern fast mails is the cause of no little concern on the part of their constituency, especially along the lines served by the Southern Railway's fast mails. As a matter of principle the question seems to resolve itself into this: Is the appropriation a subsidy or not? In other words, would these fast trains be discontinued if the appropriation were withdrawn? On this question we haven't the information upon which to base a satisfactory answer. But there is along the lines served a practically unanimous sentiment in favor of continuing the appropriation if necessary to the service. While the appropriations of \$140,000 or \$160,000 sound large in figures, it is to be considered that the Southern Railway does not get all of this appropriation; and of what it does receive, a large portion must be surrendered in forfeits if it fails in its schedules. Of the \$142,728.75 appropriated in 1905, about \$80,000 was assigned to the Southern Railway. Now the Southern runs three trains from Washington to New Orleans that are subject to schedules of the Post office Department. They are No. 35, No. 37, (Vestibule), and No. 97. Between Washington and New Orleans there are five divisions. If on any one of these divisions the train is six minutes late, it forfeits the pay for that day. No. 37 must make an average of 38 miles an hour, No. 35 must make 34 miles, and No. 97 must make 41 miles an hour for the entire distance, regardless of stops. As a matter of fact the Southern last year, for failure to make schedules forfeited over \$25,000 of the \$80,000 assigned, leaving only \$55,000 actual pay. And this is far from the \$140,000 or \$160,000 that is in our minds when we first think of the question.

Death at Leno.

Miss Frances Church, 18 years old, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Church, of the Leno, died Sunday morning at 9 o'clock, and was buried at 11 o'clock, yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. A. Hoyle.

The Egg Cure for Yelena.

A Chicago doctor says that for the last 15 years he has used egg to cure yelena and has yet to see a case it will not cure. The way to apply the egg is as follows: Take a fresh egg and crack the shell at the larger end. Make a hole just large enough to admit the thumb or finger, whichever it may be, and force it into the egg as far as possible without rupturing the shell. Wipe off the egg which runs out and bind a handkerchief or soft cloth around the finger or thumb, leaving the egg on over night. This will generally cure in one application, but if not make another application.

A Lumberman special says the Messrs. Blue, proprietors of the Aberdeen and Lockhart Railroad, have made a proposition to the business men of Lumberton, which if accepted will mean the construction of a railroad from that place to some point on the Atlantic Coast Line between Red Springs and Parkton. According to the terms of the proposition, the people of Lumberton are to subscribe \$25,000 of the first mortgage bonds of the road. Then, if the people residing along the proposed route and at the terminals will subscribe a like amount, the Messrs. Blue will arrange at once to begin the construction of the road.

CENTENNIAL AT NEW HOPE.

Celebrated During Sitting of E. N. Presbytery—Large Crowds Present at Happy Reunion.

The Kings Mountain Presbytery met at New Hope church Friday night. The introductory sermon was preached by the retiring moderator, Rev. T. C. Croker, of Columbus, from 1 Peter 1:17.

Roll call showed that the following ministers and elders were present:

- MINISTERS. R. Z. Johnson, Lincolnton. J. J. Kennedy, Gastonia. R. A. Miller, Lowell. G. A. Sparrow, Union. R. C. Morrison, Brittain. M. A. Henderson, Rutherfordton.

- W. R. Minter, Westminster. T. C. Croker, Columbus. S. L. Cathey, Rutherfordton. J. M. Forbes, Kings Mountain. W. A. Murray, Lincolnton. J. B. Cochran, New Hope. Cornelius Miller, Dallas. R. C. Anderson, Gastonia. James Thomas, Shelby.

- ELDERS. G. W. Long, Brittain. W. B. Rutledge, Mt. Holly. C. R. Kelly, Unity. D. J. Howe, Olney. W. V. Rausser, Long Creek. W. L. Brown, Grover. J. N. Hanna, New Hope. A. F. Goodson, Machpelah. R. L. Ryburn, Shelby. C. E. Huffstetler, Union. F. A. Henderson, Castanea, Grover.

- J. O. Holland, Gastonia. J. R. Reid, Lowell. A. A. Cathey, Belmont. J. E. Rhinehardt, Ironton. E. M. Berry, Cherryville. C. A. Carson, Columbus. J. T. R. Dameron, Bessemer City.

The following commissioners to the General Assembly at Greenville, S. C., were appointed: Rev. J. M. Forbes, with Rev. T. C. Croker as alternate; Elder J. N. Hanna with J. M. Gaston as alternate.

A resolution of sympathy was tendered to Rev. R. J. Johnson, having reference to the death of his daughter, Mrs. Hoke, and a prayer was offered, led by Rev. R. C. Anderson, invoking a divine blessing upon Mr. Johnson in his sad bereavement.

AFTERNOON.

Rev. T. J. Allison, Editor of the Presbyterian Standard, upon being introduced from Mecklenburg Presbytery and asked to sit as a member, made an interesting address in behalf of the Standard.

The report of the Home Mission committee was made by Rev. W. R. Minter, chairman. All the fields were supplied. All the home missionaries had been paid in full as promised, and the work was in encouraging condition. Helpful talks were made by Revs. S. L. Cathey, T. C. Croker, R. C. Morrison, and C. Miller. Work in the cotton mill settlements was discussed by Rev. R. C. Anderson, and the part of the General Assembly in the Home Mission work by Rev. R. A. Miller.

Reports were given from the different churches on worship, Sabbath observance, contributions, training of the youth in home and Sunday school and young people's societies—all of which were highly encouraging.

SABBATH.

In behalf of the orphans, Rev. A. S. Caldwell, Field Agent of the Barium Springs Orphanage, made an address during the Sunday School hour.

CENTENNIAL EXERCISES.

The remainder of the morning hour was given over to the exercises connected with the celebration of the centennial of New Hope church. Preliminary to the sermon by Dr. Hall, the pastor, Rev. J. B. Cochran, read extracts from a

HISTORICAL SKETCH.

prepared in pamphlet form for the centennial occasion. This very interesting little pamphlet contains: the present organization of New Hope, a roll of its members, a historical sketch of 8 pages which includes a list of deacons and elders with their time of service, and a sketch of the pastors, beginning with Rev. Humphrey Hunter, born in Ireland, who served New Hope from 1805 to 1813.

Of the extracts read by Mr. Cochran the following will be found of general interest:

New Hope Presbyterian church is located in South Point township of Gaston county. It is about four miles north of the South Carolina line, and one mile west of the South Fork of the Catawba river, distant from Belmont 3 1/2 miles, from Lowell 2 1/2 miles, and from Gastonia 7 1/2 miles—all being towns on Southern Railway, to which are Presbyterian churches.

Olney Presbyterian church lies west four miles from New Hope, while its Bethel still in her care and with only a few members lies south from New Hope. The congregation live mostly in a narrow country about six miles long by three miles wide, extending from southeast to northwest.

These five neighboring churches are all younger than New Hope. In fact, about seven miles north of New Hope, about 1800, a church was organized, called Bethel, and another church out of which her first members came.

Gosden died some sixteen years ago to make Mt. Holly and Belmont churches. Bethel still lives and prospers. Which of these churches contributed most in making up New Hope can never be known.

In fact, even old New Hope's age is in question—there being a variance of twenty years. Rev. S. L. Whison, who was New Hope's pastor from 1827 to 1835 and who was pastor of Steele Creek at same time and at Bethel immediately afterward and who had unusual opportunity thus to know New Hope's age, writes as follows in the History of Bethel church: "In Bethel's effort to obtain a pastor, a portion of the congregation became dissatisfied, and the church of Olney was organized in 1700, and Rev. W. C. Davis became its pastor. About this time, New Hope was organized, a part of whose members were taken from Bethel." This is the authority and it makes New Hope about 113 years old.

Rev. W. C. Brown, now Stated Clerk of Concord Presbytery writes thus: "In a list of churches of Concord Presbytery arranged alphabetically, I find the following record [New Hope church, Lincoln county organized 1805], but I find no record of this in the minutes of that year."

Rev. D. I. Craig, Stated Clerk of North Carolina Synod, thus writes: "It is very probable that the church (like scores of others) was in existence long before it was organized. New Hope's land has come to her in ways and times as follows:

Jno. Powell—3 acres and 20 poles, Nov. 20th, 1800 for \$10.00. Isaac McFee—2 acres, Oct. 29th, 1842, for \$10.00. Leroy Stowe—2 acres, Oct. 29th, 1842, for 10.00.

Jno. Harrison, and wife, Martha K. Harrison 1/2 acre in 1804. County Board of Education by exchange in 1805 one half acre.

New Hope church has been a Presbyterian church since the care of Presbytery 93 years ago and was probably in existence according to pastor Watson's statement, fifteen years before that, 113 years ago, in 1791.

So far as we learn New Hope has only had two church buildings. The first, of necessity, a rude log building, plain furnishings, plank windows, stood near the present site, nearer the grave yard. It served the church until 1838, when they decided to build another. Robt. A. Beatty, Wm. Reid, Wm. Reid, S. F. D. Baird, and Jas. W. Reid were appointed a building committee, and they contracted with John Armstrong and Aram B. Filman for \$1000 (including 50) to build the present building. It was a plain building (36x48) with four doors and ten windows. A gallery was located in the rear for the colored people. After many years, the session room was added. About 1874, 16 years after being built, it was recovered.

When it became necessary to recover again in 1895 the church. Messrs. E. P. Lewis and T. L. Allison were appointed to examine and suggest what improvements were needed.

Thos. L. Allison offered to canvass the entire congregation and raise the money, and his proposal was accepted. Messrs. T. L. Allison, Jno. M. Gaston and Green B. Stowers were appointed a building committee. They contracted with W. A. Jackson for \$740 for additions and repairs to the buildings—other items carrying it to \$948.

In 1902, during Rev. Wade's pastorate, a comfortable six roomed manse was added to the church's possession at a cost of about \$800. During 1905, the church came into possession also of the old school house, and in its present position and condition, cost about \$85.

W. D. Martin, once a member of this church, presented the church with a bell and also as a memorial of his mother, Mrs. Mary Craig, who died in 1904, while in her natural sleep at night, and who was one of New Hope's most faithful and consecrated members.

In reading the old minutes, we notice that the present commission set was given to the church in 1856 by Mrs. Mary McLean. The old set is still preserved, and is here to-day.

In the present pastorate of 2 years and nine months, 78 have been added to New Hope's roll and 31 added to Bethel's roll besides those who went from the mother church. This makes a total addition to field of 107 members, and a net growth of 55—leaving New Hope now 200 members and Bethel with 11 members. New Hope has probably received 900 members in her whole history.

Often school advantages have called her people away, as she has not had what was necessary at home to train them.

But now with a good school building in her grove, (with the good schools which we hope will be in it,) with the conveniences of rural mail delivery and telephone system, the hope to make and hold her most desirable advantages.

New Hope turns her 100th year, with many encouraging things to cheer and strengthen her. She has her manse in good condition, so that no expenditures will be needed here. Also her local school building and pastor's residence in fine shape. Add to this the fact that she has about fifty members more than ever before—a great many of whom are young men and women, and one can see that good prospects are before New Hope.

Only let her people awake to their responsibility and opportunity, and the one who writes her history in 1914 (the real centennial of her being under care of Presbytery) will write much greater and glorious things of old New Hope.

CENTENNIAL SERMON.

This sermon on the subject of "The Glories of Old Time Presbyterianism," by Dr. Wm. T. Hall, of Columbus, is printed in full elsewhere. It was delivered in an earnest and impressive style, and commanded the rapt attention of the great congregation from beginning to the end. At the conclusion of his sermon Dr. Hall, with evident deep feeling at times, related some of his many—

MEMORIES OF NEW HOPE.

My father, said Dr. Hall, came from Salisbury to this county in 1846, the very year, I think, that it became a county, and took charge of Gosden and New Hope. All my boyhood was spent in this region. All my religious teaching and preparation was received in these two churches. Both are sacred to me.

Gosden was divided, the pastor died, but it still lives as

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two churches instead of one. Of course, for this church I have peculiar feelings. My public profession of faith was made in this church long years ago. In a session house built out there I was received into full membership.

My brethren, what mighty events have taken place since then! One event since then even rocked this country from ocean to ocean and bathed a continent in blood. My generation had to meet it square, and they fought it out to the bitter end. Those associated with me in boyhood did their full duty in that crisis and I have precious memories of them in my heart.

But in this county, my brethren, what changes have taken place! There were no railroads. In my college days I well remember what a great crowd thronged to Charlotte to welcome the first train from Columbia in 1854. There were scarcely any factories. Of these things I cannot speak here, it would not be proper, but the material development I see every time I come back to this region astonishes me.

There have been moral changes. I remember that in my childhood there were more distilleries than you have of factories to-day, by far. They are gone, thank God! They ruined some of my school companions and I bear them no good will. I thank God they are gone!

There have been religious changes. Concord Presbytery sat in Morganton the year I joined. It reached from the Yadkin river to the Tennessee line. Now there are Concord, Mecklenburg, Kings Mountain, Asheville—for or five instead of one.

There has been progress in the churches. And the Presbyterian Church, I love to say, for it is sacred to me, has made great and substantial progress in this section. I glory in that. I studied Caesar and Virgil with a schoolmate who joined the ministry of the Methodist church. I love all denominations, but I do love the Presbyterian Church with a fervent love. I love the memories of the good men who have served this people in days gone by. Father Watson I used to hear. Lafferty under Sugar Creek—I joined under him. These and others Father used to have to assist in meetings.

A row of log cottages stood yonder in the days when great campmeetings were held here. The great company and the services made a vivid impression upon my mind. I remember, too, a great company of diligent young people meeting here every Sabbath to practice congregational singing. I remember one young man, William Stowe, who had the sweetest bass voice I ever heard, deep and rich it was, and he knew well how to use it.

My brethren, my heart's desire and prayer to God is that this church may prosper continuously, so that some one standing here one hundred years from to-day may recount the wonderful doings of God.

Just one word more. I look over this Assembly and am not sure that there is a soul here to-day that I used to meet when a boy. Some perished on battle-fields of Virginia, Tennessee, and Georgia. Many are at rest in their homes out there in the churchyard, others are scattered.

The time is short, the days of our years are numbered and we are soon cut off. "Be thou faithful," says our Lord, "unto death and I will give you a crown of life."

I wish to thank the Presbytery and the pastor for the honor conferred upon me by bringing me here to this service. The invitation touched my heart deeply. I appreciate it and give you my most heartfelt thanks.

The Centennial service closed

with a devout prayer by Rev. R. A. Miller.

THE COMMUNION SERVICE. In the afternoon was conducted by Rev. J. J. Kennedy, the oldest living pastor of New Hope. He took as his subject the "Eucharist." After he had spoken about 30 minutes, he was speaking of gratitude, and was nearing the close of his intended discourse, when suddenly, without warning, he ceased speaking and fell to the floor in a faint, as related elsewhere. He was revived in a few moments and carried into a rear room. The service was resumed by Rev. R. C. Anderson, and the elements passed to the congregation.

Sunday night Rev. A. S. Caldwell preached on the subject of "The Strong Helping the Weak."

Monday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. F. B. Rankin, of Mount Holly, now a student in Union Seminary, Richmond, preached a trial sermon, and stood an examination as a candidate for licensure.

The Presbytery completed its work yesterday and was concluded with services last night.

MEMENTOS.

The old communion set used prior to 1856 was viewed with interest. The cups were of tin. Two were quart size, four of pint size. They had handles but no lips. Representations of bright fruits and flowers seemed to be hand-painted upon them. There were also on exhibit with the cups on a table near the pulpit some "tokens"—small pieces of lead about the size of a five-cent piece, which were distributed by the elders in olden times to those in the congregation who were entitled to approach the communion table. Capt. W. I. Stowe says he has taken communion by these tokens and same cups. The silver service now used was presented in 1856 by the mother of Mr. J. D. B. McLean.

NEW HOPE CEMETERY.

Here grave-stones bear the family names of a large list of South Point families. The grave pointed out as the oldest in this cemetery was that of Jonathan Gullick, who died January 23, 1831, aged 89 years. By the side of this is the grave of Margaret Gullick, who died nearly 13 years later at the age of 92. They were the great-grand-parents of Mr. George Gullick, of Belmont.

HOW MANY PEOPLE PRESENT. "It is the largest gathering I ever saw at a church in Gaston county," said Rev. G. A. Sparrow, the moderator, "unless it was the crowd at the Pisgah centennial." New Hope church with its increased seating capacity was packed, and there were more people out than in. Various estimates place the crowd present at from 1,000 to 2,000. There appeared to be at least 1200 people about the long table at dinner time, and there were numerous groups scattered out over the grove and yard, so that 1500 does not appear to be more than a moderate guess at the number present.

Building Mills in England.

Optimism of English cotton spinners about the future of the industry is indicated in the fact that, notwithstanding they are facing an increasing scarcity of operatives at Manchester, 14 new mills with 1,220,356 spindles have been completed there during the past eight months, 18 mills with 1,745,000 spindles are being built, all for Egyptian cotton, 3 mills with 240,000 spindles have been completed and 34 mills with 2,818,000 spindles are being erected for American cotton—a total of 89 new mills with 6,023,356 spindles.

EASTER SUGGESTIONS. Clothing. It is now time to select your Easter suit. If you know that you could buy a suit as good fitting, as good looking and as good wearing as if they were made to your measure, would you buy one? This is just what we can give you. A visit of inspection will satisfy. Skirts. No woman will wisely choose an Easter skirt, without first seeing the collection assembled here. We have concentrated on woman's skirts—made a specialty of them as it were. And in this gathering is every good new style: such excellent workmanship as appeals at once to discriminating taste and such exceptional values as appeal to everybody. Ready-Made Waists. We now have on our counters a full line of ready-made waists which carry with them the beauty of perfect style and fit. Oxfords. And in Oxfords we can fit the family from smallest to largest, in the best and most stylish. A look will convince. JNO. F. LOVE (INCORPORATED) The Peoples' Store.

Easter Millinery Sale! One of the largest and best selected stocks ever shown in Gastonia. Every new style represented. We can save you 50 per cent on Easter Hats. Come and see us before buying. WHITFIELD DRY GOODS COMPANY.

His Rebate. A fertile minded agent, now one of the widest known life insurance officers in the country, was trying to sell a client a policy on which the agent's part of the first premium was \$1,500. The client desired the policy, but wanted a rebate of \$1,000, and this the agent was willing to give. The agent was casting about in his mind for some method of holding the rebate, when the office cat—they were in the client's office—chanced to rub purring against his leg. He looked down at the cat and his method was ready. "What a beautiful Angora cat!" he exclaimed gravely. "My wife loves cats. She'd be tickled to death to have that one. I'll give you \$1,000 for it." The client assented, and the policy was taken. Receipts were exchanged, the cat was caged in the waste basket and wrapped up, and the agent went away with Tabby under his arm—and no rebate law could touch him.

NOTICE.

North Carolina } In the Superior Court. } In May Term, 1906. } Gaston County } T. S. WILSON } Notice and Publication } of Wills. } J. L. WILSON } You are hereby notified that a civil action has been brought in this Court, and that a summons has been duly issued by the undersigned for said action, and a copy of the same is being served on you for the purpose of obtaining a divorce from the bonds of matrimony, existing between you and the plaintiff; and you are also notified that said summons has been returned by the clerk of this Court to the undersigned, and that an affidavit for publication of said summons has been duly made and filed with the clerk of this Court, and you are a non-resident of the State of North Carolina, and you cannot, after due diligence, be found within this State.

Therefore, I hereby certify that the said summons has been duly published in the Gaston County News, a newspaper published in Gaston County, North Carolina, on the first Monday in March, 1906, and on each day thereafter for the period of four weeks, to-wit: the 27th day of May, 1906, and on any day or days to the complaint, which will be filed in this court thirty days after the date of the last publication of said summons, to-wit: on the 26th day of June, 1906. C. C. CURRY, Clerk Superior Court, This the 21st day of March, 1906.

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NOTICE.

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NOTICE.

The city of Gastonia, having turned the inside wiring over to us, we are now ready to do your work promptly. Call on Mr. C. B. Baker, our representative in your city, and let him talk the matter over with you. D. L. WRAY ELECTRIC CO.