

NEWS FROM NEARBY TOWNS

NEW PASTOR INSTALLED.

Rev. W. S. Lacy Inducted Into Office of Pastor of Belmont Presbyterian Church—Sermon by Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BELMONT, Nov. 9.—Last Sunday was a notable day for Presbyterians in Belmont. On that day a new era in church work was entered upon when Rev. W. S. Lacy was installed as pastor, Rev. Dr. W. W. Moore, of Union Theological Seminary preaching the installation sermon and delivering the charge to the pastor. Elder A. C. Jones, of the First church, Gastonia, charged the congregation. Rev. R. S. Burwell presided and propounded the constitutional questions.

The occasions have been few and far between, hitherto, when such an audience faced any pastor as that which greeted Dr. Moore last Sunday. At both morning and evening services chairs and benches from nearby houses and stores were requisitioned for the large crowds that came, services having been dispensed with in several churches over the county. Many were anxious to hear and see Dr. Moore not only on account of the first rank, but also on account of the fact that, according to Dr. Moore's own statement, many of his ancestors formerly lived in this section and were buried in old Goshen cemetery a few miles from here and that doubtless he was distantly connected with many families throughout this section. As before noted many came, although the day presented all the rawness and chill of a damp November day.

Dr. Moore chose as his text James 1:3, reading as follows: "Of His own will begot He us, that we might be a kind of first fruits of His creatures." The sermon which followed was strong in logic, eloquent in delivery and powerful in appeal. He showed that the efficient cause or source of salvation was the power of God, that the instrumental cause on means of salvation was the Word of God and that the final cause or object of salvation was the glory of God. At night he fully sustained his excellent reputation.

The charge of Mr. A. C. Jones to the congregation was replete with advice and encouragement to a people just entering into a most solemn contract. At the conclusion of the services which of necessity were rather prolonged the people of Belmont showing that old-time hospitality characteristic of this section threw open their homes to all out-of-town visitors, entertaining them for the rest of the day so that they might remain for the evening services. All in all, the day was a notable one and long to be remembered as marking a distinct step forward for Presbyterianism in this town.

Dr. J. Y. Joyner and Mr. O. F. Mason will speak Friday night, the 10th, in the school auditorium on the farm-life school question. This was the date set for the spelling match between the school and the town but the authorities realizing the shortness of time for the work

on the school question postponed the spelling match one week.

The Belmont high school basketball team has arranged a series of games to be played with the St. Mary's College team, a game for every Wednesday and Saturday till Thanksgiving. Only one member of last year's varsity has returned to college while the fast and heady high school quintet is as strong as last year's team. They expect to give the collegians a run for the larger end of the score.

Miss Edna Long is visiting home-folks in Forest City.—Mrs. C. E. Beam has returned to her home in Spartanburg.—Miss Elizabeth Reynolds, of Fort Worth, Ark., has arrived in town to spend a month with the family of Rev. W. S. Lacy.

Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette. LOWELL, Nov. 9.—Mr. John M. Kendrick is moving his corn and other feedstuff back to his farm. He will move his family back soon.—Rev. R. A. Miller is attending the Presbyterian Synod in Charlotte this week.—Rev. E. N. Crowder, pastor of the Methodist church, is attending Conference in Statesville. This is the end of Mr. Crowder's first year here and he carried up a good report from his charge. It is hoped and expected that he will be returned to Lowell.

Mr. Jasper Hand, of Charlotte, came over and spent the day yesterday with his parents, this being Mrs. Hand's seventieth birthday anniversary.—The Baptist congregation here are adding an addition and a baptistry to their church.—Mr. J. L. Thompson has been on the sick list this week but is some better now.—Mr. Hugh Parkes Miller spent Sunday with home-folks here.—Mrs. M. T. Steele, of Monroe, is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Robinson, this week.—Mr. John Robinson is moving here this week from Coolemeec.

Child's Tragic Death.

Virginia, the little eleven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Jordan, died Wednesday afternoon at 2:45 o'clock at the home of her parents on South Chestnut street as the result of being badly scalded the previous day when a pot of boiling coffee was accidentally turned over on the child. The deplorable occurrence took place at the breakfast table Tuesday morning when, purely by accident, the boiling fluid was overturned on the child, causing such serious burns that it died on Wednesday afternoon. The funeral services were conducted at the Wesleyan Methodist church yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock by Rev. Mr. Hendrix, followed by burial in Hollywood cemetery. The bereaved parents have the deep sympathy of all their friends.

—His many friends will regret to learn that Mr. J. T. Spencer, who has been confined to his home on East Long avenue for some time by illness, is still quite seriously ill.

ORGANIZATION PERFECTED.

Gaston County Sabbath School Association Now a Permanent Thing—Detailed Account of First Meeting at Bessemer City.

Correspondence of The Gazette. BESSEMER CITY, Nov. 9.—On Wednesday, November 8th, at 10 o'clock a. m. the Gaston County Sabbath School Association convened in the Methodist church. It had been hoped that all the schools in the county might be represented and yet only thirteen were represented. There were about thirty delegates in attendance. The object of the gathering—primarily was to discuss the question of organizing the county permanently. But along with this the State's general secretary, Mr. J. Van Carter, of Raleigh, delightfully and entertainingly instructed and informed the audience along many lines of the Sabbath school work.

Mr. Carter said, "Have you ever stopped to think that there are something like 30,000,000 people working together in this capacity? That every day in every week in every month in each year a Sabbath school has been organized?" He is a pleasing speaker and also very conversant with the Sabbath school work, State and National.

The thirteen schools represented, pledged \$60 for the support of a permanent county organization. Pledges put the work on such a firm financial basis and every one was so enthused that a permanent organization was effected with the following officers: President, Mr. E. D. Atkins, Methodist church, Gastonia; vice president, O. B. Robinson, Chapel Lutheran church, Gastonia; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. T. R. E. Oates, A. R. P. church, Bessemer City; department superintendent, elementary, Miss Lizzie Kennedy, Methodist church, East Kings Mountain; home department, Mrs. William Lynch, Baptist church, Bessemer City; teacher training, Dr. C. E. Adams, Presbyterian church, Gastonia; organized A. B. class, Mr. W. L. C. Killian, Methodist church, Gastonia; missionary, Mrs. John Hall, Lutheran church, Gastonia. The executive committee consists of the officers and Profs. Joe S. Wray and F. P. Hall, Messrs. T. R. E. Oates and L. M. Hoffman, and Rev. R. R. Caldwell.

It is sincerely hoped that by September, 1912, each school in the county will seize upon the opportunity to send a large delegation to the county convention which will meet at some place fixed by the committee.

The opportunities along this line are surpassingly great, and no longer should we excuse ourselves by saying, "we have all we can carry now in our own denomination."

Dr. Joseph Clark, of Ohio, a few years ago said, "The Christian world, little realizes the dormant possibilities of the modern Sabbath school. It is a mighty organization, ready for action—a gigantic piece of machinery with unlimited productive capacity—200,000 horse-power engine, expending less than half its energy, doing less than half the work for which it is designed. It is not a machine to be constructed. It is here in place, in action. Its wheels are whirling. It is studying the Word, teaching children, shaping lives, touching homes, enlisting men, forming character, producing Christian citizenship; but its activities have been largely local. Its energies have been utilized for our school, our church, our community. Its world of endeavor has been bounded by the sky-line of neighboring hills and valleys.

The Sabbath school needs to meet a Moffatt and to see the "smoke of a thousand villages where no missionary has ever been. Then, and not till then, will it have a new interpretation of the great commission.

Mr. J. Van Carter left on No. 36 Thursday morning for Statesville.—Rev. J. Frank Armstrong, of the local M. E. Church, is now attending the annual conference in Statesville. This is Mr. Armstrong's fourth year in this field. He is a most excellent man and preacher and his many friends here regret very much to see him leave. Mr. Armstrong has endeared himself to all who know him. The writer heard a remark like this, "Mr. Armstrong is one who goes away and against whom nothing can be brought." We hope that he may not be sent far away.

Rev. R. R. Caldwell will preach to the students at Linwood College Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Declamation Contest.

Tonight in the Central school auditorium at 7:30 o'clock the following boys will compete for the honor of representing the Gastonia High School in the Interstate Declamation contest to be held at Trinity College on Friday, November 24th: Erskine Boyce, Alex McLean, Robert McLean, Ray Stewart and Ernest Warren.

—Mr. R. B. Babington has gone to Statesville to attend the Western North Carolina Conference. He will return home the first of next week.

WHIRLWIND CAMPAIGN

Gastonia Chapter, U. D. C., Sets November 23rd as Date to Raise Remainder of Monument Fund—Gazette's List Will be Closed November 21st.

On Thursday morning, November 23rd, from 10:30 a. m. to 12 o'clock noon, or for a period of 90 minutes the ladies of the Gastonia Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, assisted by a committee of sixteen business men of the town, will conduct a whirlwind campaign in Gastonia with a view to raising the remainder of the funds necessary to the erection of the Confederate monument which they propose to place in some conspicuous location as a tribute to the memory of the Confederate soldiers, both living and dead, who went from this county to the civil war.

Mr. R. W. Dodgen, President and treasurer of the Southern Granite & Marble Co., of Spartanburg, S. C., the firm who will erect the monument, will be here with a force of assistants to aid in the work, and after the completion of the campaign in Gastonia on Thursday, November 23rd, these gentlemen will spend several days canvassing the entire county.

A meeting of the Chapter is called for 10 o'clock on the morning of the 23rd, to make final arrangements for the campaign to begin at 10:30, and to be in full readiness to begin work on the minute. It is hoped that all the people of the town, of every occupation and business, will be considering the matter carefully and have their minds fully made up to give instant answer to the committee with liberal contributions to this worthy cause. It is suggested that many who wish to contribute, but feel unable to give any large amount and hence would not wish their names published, should know that the ladies will be glad to receive such donations and put them on their lists as from "a friend to the cause," without giving individual names. Much work would be possible would make their subscriptions to The Gazette before the list is closed at noon on Tuesday, November 21st. The Gazette will also be glad to accept and list subscriptions without giving the name of the contributor. Persons who have already subscribed to the list now being carried in The Gazette, will of course not have to be approached by the committee, and thus much time will be saved on both sides. Let it be remembered that subscriptions to the monument fund may be paid at any time between now and the first of May, 1912.

BALE TO THE ACRE.

This is White State Prison Made This Year on 1500 Acres—Enough Corn and Forage for Two Years—A Splendid Record.

Raleigh News and Observer. The management of the State Prison since the Democrats returned to power in 1898 is one of which the party and the State have a right to be proud. Under the Republican administration it lost money and at one time became an object lesson of bad management, and some of its employees were guilty of crime worse than those of which many of the convicts had been convicted. With the election of Governor Aycock, all that changed. The management was capable and it made a good record; the record was improved under Governor Glenn, and it continues to improve under Governor Kitchin. When the State had to issue bonds to pay the deficit. Now the penitentiary earns more than the cost of maintaining the convicts, and in addition money is turned into the State Treasury.

I was talking yesterday about the good management of the farms under Superintendent Laughinghouse shortly before meeting him on the street. He looked like a man who had been doing a good year's work for the State. He is a farmer and a good farmer and he knows it and has a right to be gratified at the success of the State farms under his practical direction. "We have made the best crops on the State Prison farms ever made," he said in answer to a question. "We put 1,500 acres in cotton and we will make 1,500 bales. We will gather 5,000 bushels of corn. We have made enough long forage to support the State Prison for nearly two years. Besides we have built spacious barns and doubled the room for caring for stock and storing our provender. Best of all, we are building up the dykes on Roanoke river and if there is no big freshet next spring we will so protect our lowlands on the Roanoke that we will raise so much corn as to surprise the whole State. The breaking down of the dykes years ago has caused much of the State's land to grow up in bushes. As soon as we get the dykes finished the State can grow corn to beat Egypt."

That is good news and will please all North Carolina, whose people will congratulate Captain Laughinghouse and all the other officials, directors and employees who have worked together for the good results which they have brought about.

—Cherryville Eagle, 9th: Messrs. Emi. Harden, Presley Dellinger, Pinkney Dellinger and Matthew Stroup, Jr., boarded the train here Tuesday en route for Florida where they will engage in the trucking business this winter.

JUBILEE A GREAT SUCCESS

Missionary Societies of Gastonia Churches Join in Great Jubilee Meeting to Celebrate Fifty Years of Woman's Work in Foreign Fields—Splendid Addresses and Rallies Marked the Celebration—Progress Reported by Local Societies.

(Reported for The Gazette.) Wednesday, the day for the missionary jubilee meeting of the women's societies of the several religious denominations in Gastonia, dawned with leaden skies and those of us inclined to be pessimistic were troubled lest the meeting should be a failure. But God was in the movement and he controls the clouds and inspires faith and courage in the hearts of his children.

At 10 o'clock, the opening hour, a large company of women assembled in the First Presbyterian church for the initial service of the jubilee. The auditorium had been made most attractive by the deft hands and tasteful eye of the flower committee, and it did seem that chrysanthemums never looked so beautiful before. Tables covered with literature from all the women's mission boards were placed near the front of the room and every one was urged to take some and appropriate it for future good. Charts upon the walls told very eloquently what some of these boards were doing. Programs were distributed by the young ladies acting as ushers and all things were ready.

A hush seemed to fall over the audience as Mrs. D. R. LaFar, chairman, and Mrs. J. P. Reid, leader of the morning devotions, took their places. The Bible reading was a most helpful one and will long be remembered by many. Following this on the program was "Fifty Years of Woman's Work for Foreign Missions," by Mrs. J. L. McKay, of Kings Mountain. To our sincere regret Mrs. McKay was unable to be present. However, Mrs. W. H. Woodall, of Clyde, gave a most helpful talk contrasting the women of fifty years ago with those of today and showing how we have more time, higher educational advantages, better equipment and more money with which to bring the world to Christ than our mothers had. Each church then reported through its representative the work of its own woman's board. These short talks were very inspiring and were listened to with great interest. The report of the Baptist church was given by Mrs. W. J. Clifford, of the A. R. P. church by Mrs. A. F. Whitesides, of the Episcopal church by Mrs. W. H. Hughson, of Morganton, of the Lutheran church by Mrs. T. C. Quickle, of the Methodist church by Mrs. J. K. Dixon, of the Presbyterian church by Mrs. Frost Torrence.

Mrs. H. B. Moore gave in a most impressive way the story of the jubilee and we felt almost as if we had indeed been present at those great jubilee meetings described by her. This was one of the most interesting things on the program.

The hour for adjournment having arrived we were dismissed by a few closing remarks and a most earnest prayer by Mrs. Hughson. 2:45 o'clock, despite the fact that the rain poured, a goodly number of women assembled for the afternoon session which was opened by Mrs. James W. Atkins, who read that matchless consecration chapter, the 12th chapter of Romans, after which a number responded to the request for sentence prayers. Mrs. Hughson spoke briefly on the great need of a deeper consecration of ourselves to the Master's service.

"The Supreme Need of the Hour" was the subject of a most excellent talk by Mrs. Woodall, who showed us that giving of ourselves and all that we have is what God expects of us.

The denominational rallies were then held in the places mentioned on the program.

The main auditorium of the church was almost filled for the night service. We are glad to say that the men—a few of them—were among the number present. Rev. Dr. J. C. Galloway, assisted by Rev. John Hall, conducted the service. The 23rd Psalm was sung, after which, to the inspiring strains of "Thy Kingdom is Coming," sung by a large choir, assisted by a part of Miss Atkins' orchestra, through each side door came a large number of young women, one-half dressed in white and carrying crosses (Christians), the others in black (heathens). As the two leaders came together in front of the pulpit a cross was passed from each Christian to the heathen and as they marched together down the middle aisle the large audience sang "The Morning Light is Breaking." This was a short but most impressive part of the evening service.

Dr. Galloway, in a few very fitting remarks, introduced Dr. W. H. Hudson, who for eighteen years has represented the Presbyterian church in China. Dr. Hudson told in a plain logical way, the causes of the great unrest all over China. The address was a great one and gave Dr. Hudson's hearers a clearer insight into prevalent conditions in the great empire of China.

Reports from the rallies, held in the afternoon, were made by Messrs. Morris, Moore, Whitesides, Wilson and Hampton. From these reports we learned that about fifty new names were added to the missionary rolls through the membership campaign that has been carried on recently by five churches in the city. Nearly \$225 dollars was pledged by all the churches as a special jubilee offering, the Presbyterians

BIG DEAL RUMORED

Negotiations Pending Whereby Piedmont & Northern Railway Expect to Acquire Valuable Property for Depots, Yards, Etc.—Sum Involved Said to be About \$70,000—Freight Depot to be Built as Once.

A real estate deal of large proportions is now pending and the probabilities are that it will be closed within the next day or two. The Gazette is unable to get any official information as the parties interested are not in a position as yet to confirm the rumors.

If there is no hitch in the negotiations the Piedmont & Northern Railway Co., the owners of the interurban lines now being built through Gastonia, will become owner of a considerable property on East Franklin avenue, East Main avenue and South Broad street. For the past several weeks the company's representatives have been taking options on this property from the various owners and it is understood they are taking up these options and acquiring the properties. As the situation is now, it seems that the property in view must all be secured in order to make it of value to the railroad people.

The total sum involved in all the deals is said to be around \$70,000.

The largest single piece of property involved in this purchase is that of Dr. C. E. Adams, constituting the largest part of an entire square bounded by Franklin, Main, Broad and Willow. Other properties involved in the transactions are those of Mr. J. Laban Smith, J. I. Green, Mrs. B. J. Caldwell, C. R. Nichols, C. B. Newton and others. It is rumored, though this is not verified, that the Adams property was sold for between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

Mr. Miller, one of the company's attorneys, is here looking up the titles to all the property involved. As soon as his task is completed it is presumed the deals will be entirely closed.

The contract for the construction of a freight depot, 20 by 200 feet, was yesterday let to Contractor J. A. Jones, of Charlotte. Mr. Parks Huffstetter, of Gastonia, yesterday secured the contract to furnish all the sand, to do the excavating and haul the materials for this building. It is understood, provided of course, the above mentioned deals are consummated, that the freight depot will be built on East Main avenue, just east of the house occupied by Mr. Frank Norris, corner Main avenue and South Broad streets. So far as can be learned no site has been selected as yet for the location of the passenger depot.

One of the interesting topics of rumor in connection with the above relates to the possibility of a union depot on or near the Main street corner of the Adams property. Local business men have expressed the opinion that this could be a splendid location for a passenger station occupied jointly by the Southern, Carolina & North-Western and Piedmont & Northern Railway Companies. Inasmuch as the Southern is soon to build a new passenger depot here, interest in the consideration of this proposition is general among the citizens of the town.

S. and O. Club Meeting.

Mrs. J. F. Thompson will entertain the S. and O. Club in its regular meeting tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock at her home on West Main avenue.

The Study Club.

The next meeting of the Study Club will be held with Mrs. W. J. Clifford Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock at her home on South Marietta street. The subject for the afternoon is "Beacon Lights in Oratory."

Caught Big Gray Fox.

A party of fox hunters composed of Messrs. Jim Falls, Tobe McArthur, Nell Davis, Leslie Crawford and Jim Adams caught a big gray fox near Sparrow Springs, several miles west of Gastonia, this morning about 7:30 o'clock after an hour's run. It was one of the prettiest runs these fox hunters ever had, they say.

—Mr. H. M. VanSleen has completed the task of moving his jewelry store from the Singer building across the street to No. 124 West Main avenue between Schneider's and the Gastonia Furniture Company's. Here he has much larger and more convenient quarters. Mr. VanSleen is busily engaged opening up new goods in china and silverware for the winter and holiday trade.

Leading in Contributions.

Rev. Grady Hardin, in a most impressive short talk, told what the jubilee should mean to the individual. And what will it mean? Who can say? We feel that this should be but the beginning of the great things in store for us. Let us not look too long on the fifty years just completed but turn with a loving, longing look to the next fifty years and ask ourselves, what have they in store for us. Largely what we make it. We have received inspiration and strength from this great jubilee meeting and we purpose to press onward and upward, taking as our watchword "Forward."

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