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TWO GASTONIA CHURCHES HAVE NEW PASTORS

PRESBYTERIAN AND LUTHERAN PASTORATES HAVE ABLE MEN AS LEADERS

Impressive Services at Presbyterian Church Sunday When Rev. J. H. Henderlite Was Installed as Pastor by Commission Consisting of Revs. R. A. Miller, R. S. Burwell and G. A. Sparrow—Begins Pastorate Under Favorable Auspices.

Rev. J. H. Henderlite was installed as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. The day was a memorable one with the Presbyterians of the town. Up till December 1, of last year, when Mr. Henderlite accepted their call and came to them from Fredericksburg, Va., they had been without a pastor for more than a year. Although the real work of Mr. Henderlite began with that date, the formal installation was not held till Sunday.

On December 17, Kings Mountain Presbytery at a meeting here, appointed a commission consisting of Revs. R. S. Burwell, chairman, R. A. Miller and G. A. Sparrow, a trio of the oldest and most godly veteran ministers in the county to arrange for the installation of Mr. Hender-

Rev. M. A. Ashby, of Virginia, Was Installed Pastor of the Gastonia Group of Lutheran Churches in November—A Short Sketch.

After having been without a pastor for several months, ever since the resignation of Rev. John Hall, who relinquished the pastorate to become financial agent for Lenoir College, the Gastonia group of Lutheran churches now has a pastor who has already won his way to the hearts of his parishioners, though he has been here only a few weeks. Rev. M. A. Ashby, of Virginia, was installed pastor of this group, which consists of St. Gastonia, Chapel and Bessemer City, in November and has taken a strong hold on his work at the very outset. Mr. Ashby resigned a splendid pastorate at Shenandoah, Va., to take charge of this field of work.

Mr. Ashby is a native of Virginia, having been born in Culpepper county October 10, 1869. In 1876, when he was seven years old, his parents moved to Staunton, Va. The next several years of his life were spent in Staunton and on a farm



REV. J. M. HINDERLITE, Pastor First Presbyterian Church.



REV. M. A. ASHBY, PASTOR LUTHERAN CHURCH.

lite. The service Sunday morning marked the culmination of the work of the First church in securing a pastor, the fruition of their labors and efforts for the past year. The congregation has been without a leader for a long time and during that time they have felt the need of a pastor greatly. Hence it was with mingled feelings of joy and thanksgiving that the congregation came to worship last Sunday. The spacious auditorium was filled.

Rev. R. S. Burwell as chairman of the commission presided and preached the sermon. Taking as his text the 18th and 19th verses of the third chapter of Ephesians reading as follows: "May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God." He preached a strong and able sermon on the theme of God's love for the Church, its length, breadth, height and depth. He showed God's love for humanity by his sending his Son into the world to die for sinful humanity. By a detailed analysis of the passage of Scripture reading: "God so loved the world that he gave, etc." Mr. Burwell showed the love of God, its height and depth and length and breadth.

At the conclusion of his sermon, Rev. Mr. Burwell propounded the constitutional questions to the pastor and to the congregation after which Rev. R. A. Miller delivered the charge to the pastor.

Said he in part: "You are called to be the pastor of this people. They have faith and confidence in you. Measure up to that confidence. In the words of Paul to Timothy, I charge thee before God and Christ, preach the Word. You are not here to preach science and philosophy but the Gospel. Be instant in season and out of season. Exhort with all long suffering and doctrine. You are the leader of this flock. Be careful where you lead them. You are also a ruler. Rule wisely and discreetly."

Following this solemn charge, Rev. G. A. Sparrow delivered an equally solemn and impressive charge to the congregation. He charged the people that they had entered into a contract with this pastor more binding and solemn than any earthly contract between business men. But there was a marked likeness between the two. Mr. Sparrow said that after many years' experience as a pastor he had found out that the success of any pastorate rested more with the people than with the pastor. He urged them not to freeze him, their pastor, out at the tips of their fingers, not to discourage him with empty pews, not to stint him in temporal things by a failure to pay the stipulated amount for his worldly up-keep. Pray for your pastor, he said, uphold him and you will receive a blessing.

One of the enjoyable features of the service was a solo by Mrs. J. Holland Morrow.

A BRIEF SKETCH.

Rev. James H. Henderlite, the new-

ly installed pastor of the First Presbyterian church, is a native of Virginia and is forty years of age. He is a graduate, with the degrees of B. A. and B. Litt., of Hampden-Sidney College, Virginia, and took his theological course at Columbia and Louisville seminaries, receiving from the latter institution the degree of B. D.

He has held three pastorates, of five years each, prior to coming to Gastonia, these being in Accomack county, Va., Henderson, N. C., and Fredericksburg, Va. In connection with his pastorate in the last named place, Mr. Henderlite temporarily filled the chair of philosophy and Greek in the Fredericksburg College for two years. He has three times been elected a commissioner to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Mrs. Henderlite is a native of Norfolk, Va., being the daughter of the late Mr. George L. Crowe. Her mother and brother, Mr. George B. Crowe, now reside in Norfolk. Another brother, Dr. Chas. L. Crowe, is professor of Romance languages in the University of Florida. She was educated in the private schools of Norfolk and at the Mary Baldwin Seminary, Staunton, Va. Mr. and Mrs. Henderlite have three children, Virginia, Rachel and James H., Jr.

From 1883 to 1887 he attended Augusta Military Academy at Fort Defiance, Va., and from 1887 to 1890 was a student at Richmond College. Leaving Richmond he took up the study of law in the office of Judge J. L. S. Kirby at Staunton, devoting two years or more to the pursuit of legal knowledge, from 1890 to 1892. The years 1892 and 1893 he was principal of Spring Creek Academy, Spring Creek, Va. The next two years he taught in the Polytechnic Institute at New Market, Va. In 1894 he entered the theological seminary in Philadelphia and in the following year was ordained to the ministry by the Joint Synod of Ohio. He served a pastorate in Highlands county, Virginia, from 1895 to 1898 and in November of the latter year entered a theological seminary at Chicago. In February, 1899, he entered Chicago University. Returning in 1901 to Virginia he took up pastoral work at Shenandoah City, Va., and continued there until he came to Gastonia. In 1911 he prepared his thesis for his doctor's degree.

Mr. and Mrs. Ashby have two children, Miss Willie Ashby, who is at home, and Mr. Paul Ashby, who is a student at Lenoir College, Hickory. A man of scholarly attainments, Mr. Ashby is a gentleman of engaging personality and he and his good wife have already found popularity with a large number of Gastonians, who have extended to them a cordial welcome to the town.

LET THE PEOPLE SAY

TAKE VOTE ON RECORDER'S COURT

Solicitor Wilson Does not Think People Demand a Recorder's Court and Suggests That the Matter be Left to Them to Decide—Recorder's Courts Have Been Established to Create Jobs With Which to Pay Political Debts—The Courts the Bulwarks of Liberty and Civilization.

Since the matter has been recently brought to public attention The Gazette has tried to give the people of Gastonia what light it could on the subject of the proposed recorder's court for the town. With this in view the paper asked Solicitor Geo. W. Wilson what he thought of the proposition of establishing such a court. Replying he said:

"I do not think that the people demand a recorder's court for the town of Gastonia. We may have a municipal court to try cases in the jurisdiction of a justice of the peace. For this there may be some reason and no very great objection, but there need be no unseemly haste. The Legislature will be in session for sixty days, and we do not have an election in the town until May. The office is of sufficient importance for the recorder, the judge, or the police justice of the municipal court to be elected by the people. And you should obtain the bill and publish it.

"The matter is not entirely academic, as you suggested in your editorial. There have been a number of recorder's courts in North Carolina and information as to the success of these courts can be had. My observation is that even from a financial point they are a burden on the taxpayers. I am willing to furnish at any time any taxpayer or citizen the results of my experience or any figures that may be obtained in the case. Some of the recorder's courts in North Carolina have come in response to a demand for a job as a reward for political service for the legislators of their friends. Hence the idea may obtain in certain quarters that the people should not be entrusted with the election of the officers. Careful inquiry should be made into this matter so that no bill could be passed that would take from the people the right they have in electing the officers. And then a full discussion of the whole matter is eminently proper, as to the jurisdiction and other matters related.

"No, the attitude that obtains in certain quarters toward criminal offense where persons charged may be imprisoned for as long as two years is not right. If a man can be imprisoned for two months it is not an important matter but a matter of graver importance than the trial of a law suit where a million dollars is at stake. The judge, the grand jury and the petty jury are the very bulwarks of our liberty and civilization, and anything which abridges or in any way delays or impedes this right, to any one, however humble, is to be thoughtfully and carefully scrutinized by all the people."

North Carolina and Public Education.

Catawba County News. We call special attention of our readers to the article on the first page showing what the different States are giving the children in number of school days. North Carolina is at the foot except one, New Mexico has a shorter school term than we have, but New Mexico has only three people per square mile and has about as much school as we do for our 45 people per square mile. Gov. Aycock used to thank God for South Carolina when he was making educational speeches because that State was behind us, but not so now.

The boys and girls of North Carolina are entitled to a square deal. They have not had it by the legislatures of the past 10 years. It is now time to call first things first, at the beginning of the present legislature. Let all State institutions be content for awhile. Let State officers be satisfied with what salaries they have or resign. Let no new or experimental public work be undertaken until some substantial increase in revenue for our public schools is provided.

If you use snuff, get the best, which is Red Band.—Adv.

DID NOT SEE IT RIGHT.

Charlotte Chronicle. "Readers of the Charlotte papers," imagines The Statesville Landmark, "may have been led to believe that Mecklenburg supports the State, but the average taxable value of land in that county is only \$14.15 per acre, about 50 per cent less than that of its near neighbor, Gaston." The fact is, nobody has ever asserted otherwise than that Mecklenburg county outside of Charlotte is about the most highly supported county in the State. It is the unchallenged city of Charlotte which bears the load and makes a large contribution to the revenues of the State. Mecklenburg outside of Charlotte, while constituting a part of the stomach of the State, is offered free this year by the Adams Drug Company.—Adv.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

LAWMAKERS GETTING DOWN TO WORK

Bi-ennial Session of the State Legislature Convened in Raleigh at Noon Last Wednesday—Governor Craig to be Inaugurated To-Morrow.

Both houses of the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina met for the 1913 session at noon last Wednesday. The Senate was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Newland and Senator H. N. Pharr, of Mecklenburg, after being nominated by Senator O. F. Mason, was unanimously elected president pro-tem.

In the house Representative Connor, of Wilson, the nominee of the Democratic caucus was elected speaker. The other officers of the house elected were as follows: principal clerk, T. G. Cobb, of Morgan; reading clerk, Alfred McLean; sergeant-at-arms, J. H. Moring; assistant, E. J. Jenkins; engrossing clerk, M. D. Kinsland. The remaining officers of the Senate are R. O. Self, of Jackson, chief clerk; R. M. Phillips, of Guilford, reading clerk; Wilbur G. Hall, of Cumberland, sergeant-at-arms; G. W. Huntley, of Anson, assistant; William E. Hook, of Wayne, engrossing clerk.

At the second day's session Thursday much time was spent in the discussion of the report of the rules committee. The message of Governor Kitchin was read in both houses and referred to the proper committees.

Among the bills which have been introduced so far that are of general interest to our readers is one by Representative Dellinger to exempt the clerk of the Superior Court of Gaston county from the operation of the salary system until December, 1914. The bill was considered under a suspension of the rules and passed.

On Saturday a bill was introduced by Mr. Dellinger for compulsory attendance upon the public schools throughout the State. The age limits are 7 to 12 years. Parents willfully failing or refusing to comply with the law will be subject to a fine of \$50 or imprisonment of 30 days. County superintendents are constituted educational inspectors for the enforcement of the act.

At yesterday's session Josephus Daniels, Democratic National Committeeman from North Carolina was endorsed by the General Assembly for the portfolio of Postmaster General in the Cabinet of President Wilson. Mr. Daniels' name has been prominently mentioned in connection with that position.

A joint resolution was introduced in both Houses of the Assembly calling for a constitutional convention. A resolution also was introduced in the Lower House calling for an investigation of the sale of the Atlantic & Western Railway, operating jointly by the Atlantic Coast Line and Southern Railroads, charging that a conspiracy in violation of the anti-trust law existed.

In the House a bill was introduced making hazing in colleges of the State a misdemeanor punishable with one year imprisonment and requiring faculties to make investigations of all reported cases.

Representative Dellinger, of this county, was on yesterday appointed on two important committees, those on Corporations and Health. Only a part of the standing committees has been appointed.

Reports of salaries and wages paid by State departments and institutions showed the following amounts: State Hospital at Goldsboro, \$2,083.17 monthly; Board Public Charities, \$83.33 monthly; Secretary of State, \$22,792 for the years 1911 and 1912 combined; Historical Commission, \$8,920 for the year ending November 30, 1912.

The Senate passed without discussion Senator Peterson's bill to exempt active members of the National Guard from road and jury duty, and it remains only for the House to pass it to make it law.

IN RECEIVER'S HANDS.

Stanley Creamery Goes to the Wall —Permanent Receiver Appointed by Judge Webb.

Mr. John W. Stroup and Mr. J. M. Reichardt were yesterday appointed permanent receivers for the Stanley Creamery Company, whose plant is located at Stanley, this county. The appointment was made by Judge J. L. Webb, who is holding Mecklenburg Superior Court at Charlotte. The assets of the company are estimated at about \$2,000 with liabilities of approximately the same amount.

The officers of the company are J. F. Clemmer, president and treasurer; H. C. Hoover, vice president; J. A. Morris, secretary. This plant was established about three years ago at a cost of something like \$5,000. It has been operating regularly since established, but it is understood that inability to secure the raw material has always prevented its running at capacity.

APPENDICITIS BOOK FREE.

The Adler-I-ka book, telling how you can easily guard against appendicitis, and how you can relieve constipation or gas on the stomach INSTANTLY, is offered free this week by The Adams Drug Company.—Adv.

THE COUNTY WANTS IT

WILL PAY \$300 TO RECORDERS COURT

Commissioners Endorse Movement for Establishment of Township Recorder's Court and Agree to pay \$300 Per Year Toward It — Will Ask for Changes in Salary Bill — Election of an Auditor Again Deferred.

Several matters of importance were transacted yesterday at an adjourned meeting of the board of county commissioners, all of the members being present.

A resolution was adopted endorsing the movement on foot for the establishment of a recorder's court in Gastonia and pledging the county to contribute the sum of \$300 annually toward defraying the expenses of same under certain conditions. The resolutions read as follows:

"That the county of Gaston agrees to allow the sum of \$300 per annum towards the expense of a recorder's court for Gastonia township, provided the jurisdiction of such recorder's court includes misdemeanors and petty larceny declared to be a misdemeanor, so that such recorder may enforce punishment for as much as two years where the law permits punishment for that length of time, and it is further ordered that the board of commissioners of Gaston county recommend the establishment of said recorder's court as above set forth."

Malinda Bowman was declared an outside pauper and allowed \$4 per quarter with N. P. Bumgardner as agent.

A committee composed of Commissioners O. G. Falls, H. S. Lewis, J. F. McArver and R. K. Davenport, together with County Attorney A. G. Mangum, was appointed to confer with the county's representatives in the legislature with reference to proposed changes in the county officers' salary bill. Just what these proposed changes are the minutes do not state though it is understood that there are some passages in the bill which are not clear and some details not provided for. This committee will probably go to Raleigh today for this purpose.

The appointment of a county auditor, as provided for in the officers' salary bill, was again postponed until the first Monday in February or until a special meeting shall be called for the purpose of disposing of this matter. Just where the hitch is in the election of an auditor, is not definitely known. On the outside it is said that action has been postponed by the board because the salary is so small, \$1,200, that a competent man cannot be secured, inasmuch as the auditor will have to visit all the towns and townships in the county it is further stated his traveling expenses will be considerable and there is no provision to cover these outside of the salary. It was stated at the time the regular meeting of the commissioners for the month was held that there were several candidates for the position. Whether these candidates have withdrawn or not is not stated. It is rumored, though this is unofficial, that the other members of the board favor the election of Chairman John F. Leeper as auditor, this to be provided for in a special bill which may be put through the present session of the Legislature. Should that be done, as is rumored, the chairman of the board of county commissioners would also be the county auditor.

HEARD ON THE STREETS

Impressions, Incidents and Little Things of Interest of a Varied Nature, Happening Over Town, as Heard and Seen by a Newspaper Man.

Uncle Sam As A Dairyman. Many and various will be the uses of the new parcels post system which was put into effect throughout the United States on the first day of January. All sorts of packages imaginable will find their way to different parts of the nation through the parcels post and it is the opinion of the writer that it will be only a question of time until a greater part of the necessities of the home will be obtained through the medium of this new system.

But Uncle Sam in the future will, to a certain degree, play the role of a dairyman. Why, how can that be? The writer learned a day or so ago that one of Gastonia's dairymen had promised to furnish a minister of Charlotte all the butter he needed for his table. Tuesday the dairyman received a letter from the Charlotte minister stating that he was out of butter and that he would like to have three pounds as soon as possible. The dairyman mailed the butter ("mailed the butter" sounds almost preposterous, doesn't it?) early Wednesday morning and the Charlotte minister was eating Gaston-made butter for dinner.

What's wrong with the parcels post? Why, if those Mecklenburg dairymen do not keep their eyes

IN SOCIETY'S REALMS

HAPPENINGS IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

IN HONOR OF MISS BOYCE.

At her home on South Oakland street tomorrow afternoon Miss Katherine Mason will give a linen shower in honor of Miss Ruth Boyce, whose marriage to Mr. R. Grady Rankin is to take place on Wednesday night of next week at Main Street Methodist church.

IN HONOR OF FEBRUARY BRIDE.

The following social item from the Kings Mountain correspondence of The Charlotte Observer will be of interest to many of our readers: Friday afternoon from 4:30 to 6:30 Miss Vera Mauney gave a "Wishing-Well" shower in honor of Miss Frances Jeanette Rudisill, whose marriage to Mr. R. L. Godwin, of Dunn, has been announced for February 27. The guests were received at the door by the hostess, assisted by Misses Laura Plonk and Pearl Little, and soon all was gay within the home, and music lent aid to the happy occasion. As Miss Rudisill entered becomingly dressed in lavender, wearing pink carnations, a part of the wedding march was played.

The guests found partners to the dining room by matching cut letters making the names Rudisill-Godwin. In the dining room the color scheme was carried out in a novel and unique manner. The table had been converted into a magic well, the entire table being covered with lavender crepe paper, dotted here and there with violets. A terra cotta pipe served as a well, with suspended rope and pulley and ferns, moss and rocks gave it a natural rustic appearance. Refreshments, consisting of salad course, coffee and mints were served by Mesdames D. C. and R. L. Mauney. The poem, "These Are Thy Best Days" was beautifully read by Miss Plonk after which hand painted souvenir cards, containing either a wish of love, happiness or humor, were read and showered upon the bride-to-be.

How to Stave Off a Good Job.

By "Rizo" in The Raleigh Times. Long about this time year lots of fellows take noshun in their heads that they either get a job or change their occupation. A great many rules have been laid down an lotso informashun given on how to get a job, but I ain't ever heard anybody tell howto keep from gettin one, so im gonto tell how to do so myself.

First place, the feller want to keep from gettin a good job ought to give up the one he's got an loaf. There are mighty few loafers that get desirable places. Everbody hates a quitter.

Secondly, tell your prospective employer that you can do anything—don't care what—an that you'll be ready to start in a couple weeks. The boss knows that the man who can do "anything" can do "nothing" very well; he's lookin for somebody with at least a smattrin of experience whoon pitch right in with his coat off an his sleeves rolled up.

Next place; hang out lots at the pool rooms. Come to think about it, how many substantial, respectable, successful men have you ever heard of bein in a pool room, let alone goin there to hire somebody?

Again; be "one of the boys" by joinin a Booze Club. There aint a successful firm in the country that employ a feller who carries booze on his breath. Their aint many that takem with cigarette stains on their fingers. The fine-lookin, "manly" fellers whoon swear by note aint in danger very much either, of gettin a good job hooked toem.

Another useful innoculashun against good jobs is that chronic inflickshun of mindin other fokes business. People who do much of that pretty soon dont have any of their own to mind.

A Burmese official has been arrested for stealing 250 elephants. This is the largest theft on record.

Executors and administrators of estates who want the largest number of people to see their advertisements should place them in The Gazette.

open Gaston will furnish the whole of Charlotte with fresh, wholesome country butter ere long. And Uncle Sam will be the dairyman; that is he will do the delivering.

The cost of sending the three pounds of butter to Charlotte was eleven cents; or nearly four cents per pound. The cost of the butter here was 25 cents. This added to the cost of sending, makes the butter cost the Charlotte buyer 29 cents per pound, which is as cheap or cheaper than he could buy butter of this quality from his home merchants.

By selling produce in such a way as has been described, there is no commission for a middleman. The article goes direct from the producer to the consumer. The only cost incurred in such a transaction is the expense of transportation, which is indeed small.

Some writers have laid the high cost of living to the fact that there exist so many middlemen. Through the agency of the parcels post, then, the government may, unconsciously, play an important part in reducing the high cost of living and thereby solve a problem which has long puzzled men who have made the subject a special study.