

REV. J. P. RODGERS

Presiding Elder of the Waynesville District

Mr. Rodgers is a graduate of Trinity College, class of 1892. He joined the Western North Carolina Conference the same year. In addition to his pastoral work he served for four years as principal of Belwood Institute. He has been in the regular pastorate for sixteen years. For



three years he served as financial agent for our Children's Home at Winston-Salem, during which time he secured \$6,500 for the building fund. Mr. Rodgers has held numerous successful revivals in many towns and cities over the conference. The Waynesville district, over which he presides, covers seven of the western counties of the State, in which there are 23 pastoral charges. During the year just closed there have been a goodly number of conversions and additions to the church in his district. The salaries paid the pastors in this district are considerably above those paid last year. His district is the home of the now famous Southern Assembly at Lake Junaluska.

REV. J. R. SCROGGS

Presiding Elder of the Shelby District.

Rev. James R. Scroggs began his ministerial life on Stokes circuit in 1874 and has been in continuous work ever since.

He has traveled the following circuits: Stokes, Pleasant Garden, Buckthorn and Carthage.

He has served the following stations: Randelman, Shelby, Centenary, Winston, High Point, Broad Street, Statesville, and Shelby second time.

He has served the following districts: Trinity, Statesville, Salisbury, Greensboro, Winston, Shelby, Charlotte, and is now on Shelby district the second term.

He has occupied a prominent place in the conference for many years. Was a member of three General Conferences: Memphis 1894, Dallas 1902, and Birmingham 1906.

He has been a strong and active friend of our schools, trustee of Trinity College; founder of Trinity Park High School; vice-president of our Conference Board of Publication.

He is now serving his third year on Shelby district. During his administration, the district, with a band of faithful pastors, has made splendid advances in conversions, additions to the church membership, in the increase in salaries and other finances and in church and parsonage buildings. Eight new church buildings, six brick and two frame, have been erected.

The Shelby District, notwithstanding the flood, is bringing up a good report to conference.

Horrors of War.

First Tramp—Dis war is a curse, Bill.
Second Tramp—It's orful, Jake! Every freight car loaded full o' ammunition! Not a good, comfortable "empty" anywhere to be found.—Life.

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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
Wednesday, November 28th, 1916
Annual Football Game Between University of North Carolina and University of Virginia Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 30, 1916.

THE SOUTHERN RAILWAY will operate special train consisting of first class day coaches and Standard Pullman sleeping cars, leaving Charlotte at 8:45 p. m. Wednesday, November 29, 1916, arriving Hull Street Station, Richmond, Thanksgiving morning at 7:35. Returning, Special Train will leave Richmond, Hull Street Station at 10:30 p. m. November 30th.

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McLEAN-RUDISILL

In Pretty Wedding at Dallas Miss Mary Lee Rudisill Becomes Bride of Dr. I. W. McLean, of Panama.

Correspondence to The Gazette.

DALLAS, Nov. 22.—One of the most beautiful weddings ever seen in Dallas was that of Miss Mary Lee Rudisill and Dr. I. W. McLean, of Panama, which was solemnized at the home of the bride's father, Mr. A. P. Rudisill, last Thursday evening at half past eight o'clock.

The grounds and porches of the home were brilliantly illuminated with scores of Japanese lanterns. The interior of the house was beautifully decorated with chrysanthemums and gay autumn foliage.

The decorations in the parlor where the marriage ceremony took place were beautiful and particularly effective. In one corner of the room were two large pillars draped in white and capped by large bowls of white roses. Above these pillars was a large arch which was illuminated by wax candles.

Shortly before the time for the wedding ceremony Rev. W. A. Jenkins, pastor of the Methodist church, took his place beneath the arch, while wide white satin ribbons formed an aisle from the arch to the doorway.

Before the entrance of the bridal party a delightful musical program was rendered by Miss Barbara Rudisill, with the following vocal solos by Miss Pearl Miller of Hickory and Mr. Will Rudisill of Kings Mountain, "A Dream and Because."

As the first strains of the wedding march were heard Dr. McLean entered with his best man, Mr. Frank Neely of Charlotte. As they took their places the beautiful bride gowned in white satin and carrying a shower bouquet of brides' roses entered with her sister Miss Margaret Rudisill who was lovely in a dainty gown of lilac silk.

In a most impressive manner Rev. W. A. Jenkins performed the wedding ceremony. As the bride and groom left the parlor to the inspiring and triumphant tones of Mendelssohn's Wedding March they held an informal reception in the dining room for some time while fruit punch was served to the guests and later in the evening the brides' cake was cut, the thimble falling to Dr. Bess Puett, the money to Mr. L. M. Hoffman, Jr., the button to Mrs. S. A. Wilkins and the ring to Mr. Neely.

Owing to the critical illness of Dr. McLean's father the plans for a very extended wedding trip to New Orleans, Cuba and a number of other places were abandoned and consequently Dr. and Mrs. McLean left for a short visit to New York only intending to return to North Carolina before leaving for their home in Panama.

The bride is a very popular young lady and has a host of friends. The groom is well known in this community and has for a number of years held a most responsible position in the hospital owned by the United Fruit Company at Panama.

The play to be given Saturday evening in the auditorium of the graded school promises to be most entertaining. The play is entitled: "Jedidiah Judkins, J. P." and with all the players good and Prof. J. B. Henson as the star actor it is hoped the public will attend and assist Misses Garner and Thompson in their efforts to raise a liberal sum of money for school improvement.

Mrs. S. C. Cornwell and her little daughter, Helen Lewis, from Rogersville, Tenn., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Lewis.

"THE LADY FROM MONTANA."

Capitol Traditions Will Be Upset When Miss Rankin Arrives.

Washington Dispatch to The Kansas City Star.

Washington has been so bewildered by the news ever since the wires told of the election of Miss Jeannette Rankin of Montana as the first "lady of Congress," that it hasn't quite got it all figured out yet. But officialdom here is beginning to realize that a new epoch has come in the Nation's history—the epoch of woman law-makers, just as "Uncle Joe" remains the living monument of the "good old days" that are gone, never to come any more, when Congress was ruled by the Speaker as Czar.

It's just going to upset everything, including all tradition, this advent of the woman lawmaker. For every one realizes that this is just the breaking of the "ice"—that more will come in increasing numbers in the years to come until woman law-makers will become a matter of course. To begin with, the traditions barring women from the floor of the House after Congress is in session is shattered beyond repair. Always before, there were "galleries" for the women. Now Miss Rankin will have a seat of honor down under the Speaker's eye. Then the cloakrooms—those choice meeting places for swapping stories, "quiet puffs" and sly "nips" while the dry and tedious speeches go on inside. There is no woman's "cloakroom." There have been only Republican and Democratic. When a Socialist strayed into Congress, he could take his pick of the crowds he desired to lounge the time away with.

They'll have to do some ripping and tearing away and rebuilding in the old House chamber. For now Uncle Sam must provide the woman's "cloakroom," where women's politics of the future will be made and unmade as they have been in the historic G. O. P. and Democratic gathering places.

Best of References.

Boston Transcript.
"The cook is leaving today and wants me to give her a recommendation, but I don't know what to say."
"You might say she is a good worker."
"A good worker! She's anything but that."
"Oh, I don't know. She has worked us for \$30 a month and her board, hasn't she?"

The Exception.

A. Moralizer—No man needs to go from bad to worse.
D. Moralizer—How about the autoist on a road with a detour sign ahead of him?—Judge.

GOSSIP ABOUT CHANGES.

The following from an article by Miss Mamie Bays in Sunday's Raleigh News and Observer is of interest:

One feature which adds special interest to the "forecast" appointments in the Western North Carolina Conference this year is the fact that quite a number of the large charges will receive new pastors at this session. West Market Street church, Greensboro, is "open" by the "time limit" and the same is true of Broad Street church, Charlotte, First church, Statesville, the church at Asheboro, that at Leaksville, that at Mooresville and those in a number of smaller places. These "open" charges, aside from other causes, will necessitate the changing of a number of pastors at other places. Two presiding elders also are among the "four year" men, the presiding elder of the Asheville district and the presiding elder of the Morganton district. In connection with these "open" appointments, conjecture has it that a new pastor will be appointed to Central church, Asheville, and that the new pastor may be Rev. E. K. McLarty, who is closing his first year at Centenary church, Winston-Salem, or that Rev. T. F. Marr, now at First church, Salisbury, may go to Asheville and Dr. McLarty to Hawthorne Lane, Charlotte, should Rev. R. D. Sherrill, the present pastor at the last-named church, be appointed to the presiding eldership or to Salisbury, if Dr. Marr goes to Asheville. Another change among Charlotte pastorates now under discussion is that Rev. J. W. Moore, who has been at Trinity church only one year, may follow Rev. C. W. Byrd, who has closed four years at West Market Street church, Greensboro, the desire upon the part of the Greensboro church for Mr. Moore as pastor having been evidenced several years ago. Should Mr. Moore not be returned to Trinity church, there is thought to be a possibility that he will be succeeded by Rev. J. H. Barnhardt, now of Central church, Asheville, or by Rev. J. E. Abernethy, now pastor of Central church, Monroe. Dr. Byrd is spoken of as the possible successor of Dr. McLarty or he may be appointed to Central church, Asheville, where he has served twice as pastor, and should that appointment be made, that Rev. G. T. Rowe, pastor now of Washington Street church, High Point, will go to Centenary church, Winston-Salem, probably.

A general "move" among the presiding elders may also take place and more than one change may be effected between those of the Asheville, Charlotte, Morganton, Salisbury, Shelby and Winston districts. Several members of the conference who are not at this time presiding elders may be appointed such at this session, and among those that rumor says may receive these appointments are Rev. T. F. Marr, Rev. R. D. Sherrill and Rev. J. H. Barnhardt.

Another feature of interest touching the appointments is that it may be one or more members of this conference may be transferred to other conferences and one or more members of other conferences may be received by transfer into this conference at this session. The transfer system is a part of the economy of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, and it often occurs that the presiding bishop of a conference announces the name of a "transfer" near the opening of the session, and, again, it often occurs that the name of the transfer is withheld until just before the reading of the appointments, and in the latter case the degree of surprise is greater.

Soul Confidence.

A young man, distressed about his soul, confided in a friend. The friend said: "Did you ever learn to float?" "Yes, I did," was the surprised reply. "And did you find it easy to learn?" "Not at first," he answered. "What was the difficulty?" his friend pursued. "Well, the fact was I could not lie still; I could not believe or realize that the water would hold me up without any effort of my own, so I always began to struggle and went down. Then I found out that I must give up the struggle and just rest on the strength of the water to bear me up. It was easy enough after that; I was able to lie back in the fullest confidence that I should never sink." "And is not God's word more worthy of your trust than the changeable sea? He does not bid you wait for feelings; he commands you to rest in him, to believe his words and accept his gift."—Selected.

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THE PREACHERS SONS.

Woodrow Wilson is the foremost citizen in the United States. He is not perfect, as some of his foolish admirers claim. He has made mistakes and a good many of them; but he is honest and candid and his head is level. He is amazingly patient and can not be rattled or stampeded. He sincerely loves his country and is trying, so far as he is able, to do the right thing. His experience through four trying years will serve him well through the four still more trying years ahead. The re-election of Mr. Wilson against fearful odds is a tribute to his strength. The charge of weakness and "ineptitude" is answered by the vote of the American people that put him back in the White House. New York rejected him. Maine blazed the way for Republican victory. If Tammany helped at all it was not intended. Wall Street put forth all its prodigious power to compass his defeat. And yet he won. Nobody but a giant could do that. Furthermore, Mr. Wilson met a foe man worthy of his steel. Judge Hughes is one of the greatest men in the nation. His private life is without a stain and his public service has been eminently valuable and brilliant. We have thought, and remarked, that he made a mistake in spending so much of his time in criticism of the administration, and so little in constructive propositions. But it is folly to say that his campaign was weak and ineffective. The trouble with Mr. Hughes was that he was hampered by conditions that he could not control. The diamond Hughes special that went blazing through the west with a company of rich women, loaded Hughes with a burden heavy enough to crush him. It is doubtful if Mr. Roosevelt's campaign brought him any votes. But he is a game fighter and a high minded and honorable man. Each of these men is the son of a preacher. Each was reared in a home of plain living and high thinking. The illustrious career of both ought to silence the oft repeated slander that the sons of preachers are usually failures. This statement never had any foundation in fact. We have no doubt that the average boy reared in a preacher's home will measure up a little higher than the boys of the community in which he lives. The preachers fallibly because of its advantages, ought to be pervaded by the best influences; and it is; it ought to furnish to the world the best product; and it does.

A TOAST.

Los Angeles Times.

Ye have drunk, O my friends, to the victors;

Ye have toasted the valiant and strong;

To the great of the earth ye have drunk in your mirth,

To the wise you have lifted your song;

It is well—they are worthy, my brother,

As aught that the firmament spans, But I pledge you a health to the others—

A health to the "also rans."

To the men who went down in the struggle,

To the runners who finished unplaced,

To the weak and the young, the unknown, the unsung,

The deprived, the oppressed, the disgraced,

Ye are blooded, developed, completed;

They were bred without stamina class;

'Tis to them, the surpassed, the defeated,

I bow as I drain my glass.

Who are ye that should dare to reject them?

Do you know what the handicaps weighed?

Did ye suffer the pain, run the race, stand the strife,

That ye scoff at the place that they made?

It may be that they ran overweighted,

It may be that they were left at the post;

Far or near, 'tis to them, the ill fated,

I bow as I drink my toast.

They have lost; they are ill; they are weary;

Ye have won; ye are well; ye are strong;

By your mirth, by your wine, by your song,

By all that has e'er helped to sweeten

Your lives, by your hopes, by your plans,

I pledge you the health of the beaten,

The health of the "also rans."

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