

Methodist Mention

The Commencement exercises of Central Academy, Littleton, N. C., will be May 9-11, 1908.

The Adult Student for March is a gem. What a treasure for the advanced pupils in the Sunday-school.

We are glad to learn that Dr. F. D. Swindell, who has been in the clutches of the grip, is nearly himself again.

The Edenton Street congregation are making arrangements to support Rev. J. M. Culbreth as missionary to Japan.

The condition of Bishop Duncan was quite critical last week. The latest news represents his condition as somewhat improved.

Mr. T. H. Raney, of Chapel Hill, was a welcome visitor on Tuesday morning. He was in Raleigh in the interest of his cannery which is doing a big business.

We call attention to the Quarterly Conferences of the Elizabeth City District which are substituted for the list on the sixteenth page. The revised list will regularly appear with the other Districts next week.

Hon. Chas. L. Abernethy spent a day or two in Raleigh last week. He is the able Solicitor of the Eleventh District. So well has he filled his responsible position, that his renomination is regarded a practical certainty.

The Neithan and Sea Gift Societies of Louisville College held their Eighteenth Anniversary Exercises on last Friday evening. The occasion was most interesting. We acknowledge an invitation to be present. Rev. H. M. North delivered the literary address.

Rev. F. M. Shamburger received two members last Sunday into Edenton Street Church. He is welcomed every Sunday by large and interested congregations. The members are hopeful and are looking for a prosperous year under their enthusiastic and able pastor.

Hon. C. W. Tillett was the speaker at the Civic Celebration on February 22nd at Trinity Park. His address was most practical and impressive. It was adapted especially to preachers, and it is to be regretted that there were only a few preachers represented in his large and intelligent audience.

Rev. James Henderson, D. D., of Ottawa, and Mr. N. W. Rowell are the official fraternal messengers of the Canadian Methodist Church to the approaching General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Dr. Collins Denny will represent our Church in the same capacity.—Nashville Advocate.

Miss Davies, representing the Young People's Department of Foreign Missions, made a most interesting and effective talk on last Wednesday night in the Edenton Street Sunday-school room. She has her heart in her work, and she is doing great good. If she should go your way, be sure to hear her.

Dr. Albert Anderson, Medical Director of the Jefferson Life Insurance Company, has been elected President of the Tri-State Medical Association which met last week at Charlotte, N. C. The honor was worthily bestowed, as the high professional ability and Christian character of Dr. Anderson are such as to reflect honor on the whole State.

Mr. W. C. Dibrell, the Secretary, advises us that the annual meeting of the Book Committee will take place at Nashville on April 22nd, beginning at 10 a. m. The Boards of Church Extension and Missions and the College of Bishops will meet this year in St. Joseph, Mo., the Board of Church Extension first on May 7th. The Board of Missions meets on May 13th. A missionary rally will, we understand, be held in connection with these meetings.

We are pleased to make the following announcement: "Mrs. Julia Branch Thomas announces the approaching marriage of her daughter Caroline Richmond and Mr. Joseph Townes Marrow on Wednesday, February the twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and eight, Henderson, North Carolina."

Of the 600,000 young men in the Carolinas, not more than 25 per cent are members in good standing of the churches. Not half of them attend church with any regularity. The Young Men's Christian Association is recognized to-day as the church's most efficient ally in grappling with this situation.

Hon. Ashley Horne, the "farmers' candidate" for Governor, was not able to be at the speaking at Wadesboro on last Saturday, but he wrote a letter which rang true on prohibition and all other public matters. He said: "I will vote for prohibition in May as I did in 1881." Short and to the point. Characteristic of the man.

Miss Mabel Head, Associate Secretary of the Woman's Home Mission Board of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, made a most interesting and impressive address to the Edenton Street Methodists in the Sunday-school room on last Monday night. She is a most pleasing and able speaker and is doing great good for the cause in her itinerary.

The Missionary Institute of the Wilmington District will be held at Rocky Point, N. C., beginning with sermon by Rev. S. E. Mercer, Wednesday 8 p. m., March 11th. The business session will begin at 9:30 a. m., Thursday, March 12th. All the preachers of the District are asked, if possible, to be present on Wednesday night. The Institute will hold through Thursday.

A large crowd greeted the speaker at the Methodist church last Sunday night. The subject was "Infant Baptism." The discussion was free from any bitterness toward those who differed with the preacher on that subject. For fear of tiring his congregation, Mr. Parker stopped in the middle of the discourse and announced that he would finish the sermon next Sunday night. The public is cordially invited.—Durlam Guide.

Another worthy woman has gone to her reward. Mrs. Hambrick, formerly of Leasburg, died in the Springhope parsonage on the 19th instant at the age of 76. She was the mother of Mrs. B. E. Stanfield, wife of Rev. B. E. Stanfield, P. C. of the Springhope Circuit. Mrs. Hambrick was a Methodist of the truest type. Her Christian character has shone forth in her community with a steady lustre. The bereaved have our deepest sympathies.

Rev. Luther Bridges, the young evangelist who conducted the revival at the Methodist church here last September is now holding some very successful meetings in Southern Florida. He expects to return to North Carolina early in the summer to fill engagements here. Mr. Bridges is only twenty-three years old, but his success as an evangelist is remarkable. His singing is excellent and is one of the attractive features of his meeting.—Exchange.

Rev. L. W. Crawford, D. D., of the Western North Carolina Conference, died on last Friday in Asheville. He was appointed by Bishop Morrison at the last Conference Presiding Elder of the Asheville District. This mountain District was too rough for one of Dr. Crawford's physique, and about two weeks ago he was seized by pneumonia, under which he succumbed. He has been a prominent figure in North Carolina Methodism for many years, having filled quite a number of important pastorates. For several years he was editor of the North Carolina Christian Advocate. There were none to question his ability and his faithfulness to what he conceived to be his duty. He had a large number of friends wherever he went. His Conference loses an able and faithful worker. The bereaved wife and children have our deepest sympathies.

The news of the death of Mrs. J. M. Jones, of Cunnyngham, reaches us and makes us sad. She was a woman whose worth and attractiveness made a deep impression on all with whom she came in contact. She and her husband, Mr. J. M. Jones, always threw wide to the preacher the doors of their hearts and home. Mrs. Jones was one of the most zealous and self-sacrificing members of Providence church. As her pastor for four years, we had full occasion to learn her goodness and worth. May the ministrations of the Comforter come in large measure to the bereaved husband and son.

The first Quarterly Conference of the Clinton Circuit M. E. Church, South, met here in the court-house on the 24th instant, Rev. W. L. Cunningham, Presiding Elder, in the chair. The pastor reported the Circuit in good condition. A building committee was elected to rebuild the church at Clinton, which was burned some time ago. Mr. Cunningham leaves for his home in Wilmington to-morrow. The people of the town heard his two powerful sermons with great profit. The conference voted the county authorities a unanimous rising vote of thanks for the court-house, which they tendered the church after the loss of the church building.—Clinton Cor. News and Observer.

Mrs. Martha De Priest Kavanaugh, widow of the late Bishop H. H. Kavanaugh, peacefully breathed her last on February 1, 1908, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. S. Lippitt, Petaluma, Cal. She was in her ninety-third year, and truly may it be said of her that she lived to a good old age and died in riches and honor. For many months she has been gradually sinking, but not the least to her dismay. She realized she was taking her long journey, and often said to her visiting friends, when parting, as she did to this writer when last he visited her in company with her pastor, Rev. Z. J. Needham: "I may not be here when you call again, for I am going home."—Pacific Methodist Advocate.

Dr. W. J. Dawson, the distinguished Congregational minister and author, who began his ministry in the Wesleyan Methodist Church, and is now pastor of an important church in Brooklyn, will preach the commencement sermon for Vanderbilt University on Sunday, June 14th. Dr. Dawson is well-known as a stimulating preacher, evangelist, and lecturer. He has also written much and well. We quote one of his letters to a paper in Great Britain last week, and recently gave a review of his book, "A Prophet in Babylon." It is probable that he will spend about a week in Nashville, and Dr. Tillett is hoping to secure his services for some addresses before the Ministers' Institute which will begin immediately after the commencement.

The Washington Duke Monument was erected Thursday. Immediately thereafter a small house was placed over the statue. This temporary covering, which is about twelve feet in height and will remain over the statue until commencement. The statue is made of bronze, and represents Mr. Duke in a characteristic sitting posture—legs crossed, and hands resting on either arm of the chair. This portion of the memorial alone weighs about 1,800 pounds, and from the top of the statue to the ground, the distance is about ten feet. The pedestal is made of Vermont granite consisting of three blocks, the base being a stone 8 x 10 feet. On the front side of the foundation there are the following letters: Washington Duke, 1820-1905, followed by an inscription strikingly descriptive of his character and record. On another side is the word Patriot, and on another side in raised letters Philanthropist, and on another side there is a short inscription. The ground around the base will be terraced as soon as the weather will permit, which will, of course, help to beautify that portion of the plot. The cost of the monument is something like \$11,000.—Trinity Chronicle.

Be content to do the work God gives you to do.