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The Rev. R. Lee Robinson.

His Sermons in the A. R. P. Church Sunday--Now a Citizen of Another State, This Talented son of Lancaster Delighted the Friends of His Old Home With His Presence and Preaching.

In accordance with announcement in Saturday's issue of The News, the Rev. R. Lee Robinson, of Camden, Ala., preached in the Associate Reformed Presbyterian church last Sunday, both morning and evening, to good congregations. His sermons were strikingly forceful replete with originality, well delivered, and were greatly enjoyed by his appreciative hearers.

Mr. Robinson's text at the morning service was the 14th and 15th verses of the 14th chapter of St. Mary: "And whosoever he shall go in, say ye to the goodman of the house, The Master saith, where is the guest chamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples?" "And he will shew you a large upper room furnished and prepared: there make ready for us."

Mr. Robinson drew some interesting and instructive lessons from his text. He first explained the meaning of "guest chamber" and "upper room," the former being in Oriental countries not the choicest room in the house, as is generally the case in this country, but the chamber in which guests place their footwear— sandals, etc., and also their saddles when they come riding beasts of burden. The guestchamber therefore referred to in the text was probably the most undesirable room in the house for the purpose of occupancy. It was one to which the host would never think of assigning a guest. The "upper room," on the other hand, was the best at the command of the host.

The man referred to in the text, whose name is not given, was to be commended for giving his Maker the very best he had. He thereby set an example which all mankind should follow. A majority of the people of today give the Lord the "guest-chamber" instead of the "upper room," reserving the latter for themselves. But comparatively few people cheerfully give the Lord freely of the three things required of them: their time, their possessions and their personal service. Mr. Robinson strongly emphasized the significance of each of these requirements, using for the purpose apt illustrations. In conclusion he showed how important it is for man in every instance to give the Lord his "upper room" in this life if he expects to receive the best at His hands in the life to come, in that home of many mansions.

As is well known to many of

our readers, Mr. Robinson is a gifted and scholarly young son of Lancaster who has already achieved an enviable distinction in his chosen profession, that of the ministry. Though his present field of labor is far removed from his native home, he manages to occasionally visit the county of his nativity, and his home coming is always a source of pleasure to his numerous friends here as well as to his beloved parents and other relatives.

The Confederate Monument

An Eloquent Appeal by the Daughters of the Confederacy to all the Women of the County to Contribute One Dollar Each to the Monument Fund.

To the Women of Lancaster County:

At the last meeting of the Lancaster Chapter, Daughters of the Confederacy, a resolution was adopted that a special appeal be made to every woman in Lancaster county to contribute one dollar for the purpose of erecting a monument to the Confederate soldiers.

As soon as this resolution was adopted each of the 14 women present promptly handed to the treasurer the amount requested. We want every woman in the county to do likewise. The amount now on hand is \$1,000 and we wish to raise at least \$1,500 more. This can easily be done by the women alone if they will all unite and help in this worthy cause. This sacred duty which we owe to the brave men who obeyed their country's call and left home and family to battle for southern rights has been too long neglected. Forty long years has elapsed since the remnants of the most valiant army that the world ever saw returned to their desolated homes. We should delay no longer in showing our appreciation of their heroic devotion to duty by erecting a suitable memorial in enduring stone.

"Oh Lord God of hosts be with us yet,
Lest we forget; lest we forget."

Send all contributions to the treasurer, Mrs. M. E. Cauthen, Lancaster, S. C., and the acknowledgement will be made each week through the Lancaster News.

Mrs. Ira B. Jones, Pres.

Those who have contributed: Mrs. Eliza Witherspoon, Miss Annie Witherspoon, Mesdames J. M. Riddle, T. C. Hicks, A. R. Banks, J. N. Crockett, M. E. Cauthen, T. S. Carter, M. J. Perry, G. W. Poovey, M. R. McCardell, W. P. Davis.

Charlie Hodge, a Sumter youth, committed suicide a day or two ago, by shooting himself through the head.

Chesterfield and Lancaster R. R.

Work of Extension of Line Now in Progress--The Road Already a fine Paying Property--Quantity of Liquor it Hauls.

Cheraw cor. the Charlotte Observer.

Mr. A. G. Page, general superintendent and one of the largest stockholders of the Chesterfield & Lancaster Railroad, is authority for the statement that the road is to extend immediately from Ruby, the present terminus, to Gum Springs, a distance of about eight miles, the work of cutting out the right of way being now in progress. Maj. Charles H. Scott, a prominent and experienced civil engineer of Elkins, West Virginia, has charge of the survey of the extension and will personally supervise the construction of the work. For a number of years he was connected with the engineering department of the Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad and recently has been employed by the Hon. Henry Gassaway Davis in the construction of railway work in West Virginia.

The extension of the C. & L. Railroad from Ruby will follow what is known as the upper route, with several slight alterations in the line of survey. From Ruby to Gum Springs it will go a little south of the old northern survey, leaving Mt. Croghan to the right a short distance, several thousand dollars being saved by this slight alteration. From Gum Springs the road will be built to Fox Place, and from there to the river it is hard to say which route it will take, but likely the upper one, via Dudley, touching the river near the Wildcat creek and Tradesville, in Lancaster county.

When the road is built through, as indicated, it will traverse the finest forty miles of farming land in Chesterfield county, and, paralleling the North Carolina line, will draw considerable revenue from that State. Already one of the best paying railroad properties in South Carolina, the Chesterfield & Lancaster will, when completed to its western terminus, be sought after by the means of the Southern Railway reaching Cheraw, via Lancaster.

The gross inter-State earnings of the Chesterfield & Lancaster the past year, ending June 30, amounted to \$48,000. The Road bed and rolling stock of the road have been gradually improved, and the present management expects to keep the work up.

FIFTY-THREE TONS OF LIQUOR.

The C. & L. transports a big lot of whiskey, as will be seen from the following, taken from Cheraw correspondence of the News and Courier:

The books of the Chesterfield and Lancaster Railroad Company show that during the past six months fifty-three tons of whiskey

were shipped over their line, the bulk of which came from beyond the State. This whiskey was consigned to Chesterfield and Ruby, where there are no dispensaries, and much of it was consigned to fictitious names. As much of the whiskey which comes to the Cheraw express office consigned to points on the Chesterfield and Lancaster Railroad is taken out here and carried up by hand, there is no way of telling how much really is transported by this road in the course of a year. It will be noted that the record mentioned is for the past six months, and does not include the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, when the business is supposed to be many times in excess of that or any other season of the year. To keep the record straight, it should be added that while the books of the railroad company show that freight was paid on 53 tons of whiskey, that these figures do not represent accurately the amount carried, as one quart or one gallon is billed as one hundred pounds under the regulations.

The Wade Hampton Society.

Interesting Exercises of the Graded School's Literary Organization Last Friday Afternoon.

Reported for The News.

The regular semi monthly meeting of the Wade Hampton Literary Club of the graded school was held Friday afternoon. After beautiful quotations from the Bible the following interesting programme was fully carried out:

1st Declaimer, Carl Bennett; Reader, Elfrieda Poag.

2nd Declaimer, Carrie Gregory; Reader, Ira B. Jones.

3rd Declaimer, Mary Davis; Reader, Bleeka Hinson.

4th Declaimer, Mary Knight; Reader, Monie Hatchcock.

1st Essayist, Corrine Jones.

2nd Essayist, Pearl McManus. Then came the debate, which was highly enjoyed.

The query was, Resolved that the printing press has done more for the progress of humanity than the steam engine. Both sides argued well. The debaters were: Affirmative—Meta Moore, Robt. Cunningham, Lillian Stover and Kate McManus; Negative—Lida Hasseltine, Joyce Clark, Kelly Cunningham and Thomas Beaty.

After being out for about 10 minutes the Judges decided in favor of the affirmative; that is for the printing press.

The club meets twice a month, on Friday afternoons.

Several visitors were present. The recently elected officers are as follows: President, Maude Moore; Vice-President, Perrine Stover; Secretary, Leroy Dunn; Treasurer, Pearl McManus; Librarian, Corrine Jones; Doorkeepers, Thomas Beaty and Thorne Tillman.

Arbor Day

Observed by Franklin Circle ---Resolutions in Memory of Mrs. Martha O. Patterson.

Arbor Day was observed by the Franklin Circle last Monday afternoon. It was a happy thought of the president, Miss Annie Witherspoon, to have a tree planted and call it for the patron saint of the Circle, "Benjamin Franklin."

This tree now stands on White Street, in front of Miss Annie Witherspoon's home, with the names of the members of the Circle and the name of Benjamin Franklin buried at its roots, and it is hoped that in the years to come it will spread its sheltering branches over passers-by.

Resolutions of sorrow for the death of Mrs. Patterson, of Greenville, were offered by Mrs. Ira B. Jones, the personal friend of the deceased, which were unanimously adopted by the Circle.

The resolutions referred to are as follows:

Whereas, God in His Providence has removed by death Mrs. M. O. Patterson, and whereas, this Circle desires to record its expression of their esteem and appreciation of this noble woman, Be it

Resolved 1st: That this Circle feels a sense of personal loss on account of the death of Mrs. Patterson, whose high character, untiring energy and lofty aims have endeared her to us.

2nd. That we have been especially interested in her noble efforts to establish a State Reformatory, and we trust that this cause, so dear to her heart, shall not suffer by her untimely death; but that others, encouraged by her efforts and inspired by her example, may continue the work she so ardently strove to accomplish.

3rd. That in her death the whole State will sustain a great loss, and that the Federation of Women's Clubs will especially miss the aid and influence of her valuable labors.

4th. That a page in our minutes be inscribed to her memory and these resolutions be published in the county papers and The Keystone.

5th. That a copy be sent to her family.

Mrs. Ira B. Jones,
Mrs. M. J. Perry,
Miss Annie Witherspoon.

Charlie Benson, a negro boy, was arrested in Camden Monday for attempting to assault a lady of that town. He was taken to the penitentiary for safe keeping. He made a confession.

Mrs Hattie Brunson of Orangeburg, committed suicide Monday. She was the widow of Henry Brunson, and grief for her dead husband caused her to take her own life.