

SPARTANBURG'S CHURCHES.



CENTRAL METHODIST CHURCH.

SPARTANBURG CHURCHES.
Spartanburg County and city, so wide awake to industrial progress, so enthusiastic in demanding schools and colleges, is a distinctly religious community. There is a church and generally several, within easy walking distance of every dwelling in the county, and these churches are generally full when their doors are thrown open on Sundays.

BAPTIST DENOMINATION.

There are within the bounds of Spartanburg County, 60 Baptist churches for white people. Of these 45 belong to the Spartanburg Baptist association and 15 to the Broad River Association. The membership in the county is 2,789.

During the year ending in August 1905, these churches contributed \$28,968.45 for benevolent and religious purposes. The value of the church property at that time was \$193,870, placed at a very conservative valuation.

In the city of Spartanburg, the First Baptist Church, one of the handsomest church buildings in the South, was erected in 1901 at a cost of \$81,000. It has a membership of 715.

Green Street Baptist Church has a membership of 350. They have a neat church, costing over \$6,000. Rev. T. S. Wright is preaching at Beaufort and has a site for a church donated by L. M. Gentry. This church was organized last February with 12 members and now has a membership of 50. It is expected that the new church will cost \$2,000.

PASTORS AND THEIR CHARGES.
Baptist pastors who are doing work in Spartanburg County and their charges are:

L. M. Roper—First Church, Spartanburg; W. M. Whitesides—Green Street, Spartanburg; H. L. Baggatt—First Church, Inman; J. F. Carson—Bethel (Woodruff); J. R. Aiken—Areadia, Fairforest, Tuckahoe, Whites; C. E. Ervin—New Prospect, Wolf's Creek; J. C. Ezell—Mountain View, Salter's; Unity; Woodruff Mills; W. W. Jones—Bolly Springs, Wellford; J. L. Oatz—Bolly Springs, Campobello, Mt. Zion, New Pizana; W. P. Smith—Arlingwright, Cedar Springs, Cherokee Springs, Drayton, Saxon; W. H. Wat-

ers—Friendship No. 2, Poplar Springs, Mountain View; R. J. Williams—Bethlehem, Oak Grove, Philadelphia; B. L. Wofford—Antioch, Fairmont, Middle Tyger, Selma; T. H. Harrison—Clifton, Cowpens, New Hope; J. C. Lawson, Brews Chapel, Pacolet No. 2, Pacolet Mills; J. D. Bailey—Cowpens Central, Glendale; C. C. Hill—Bellevue, Arrowood; J. T. Taylor—Cedar Shoals, Kuroree; C. T. Schaife—Abners Creek; E. L. Hughes—Cedar Grove; A. T. Jones—Fairview; J. E. McManaway—Friendship, No. 1; C. C. Barton—Green Pond; J. M. Walker—North Pacolet; T. S. Wright—Beaufort;



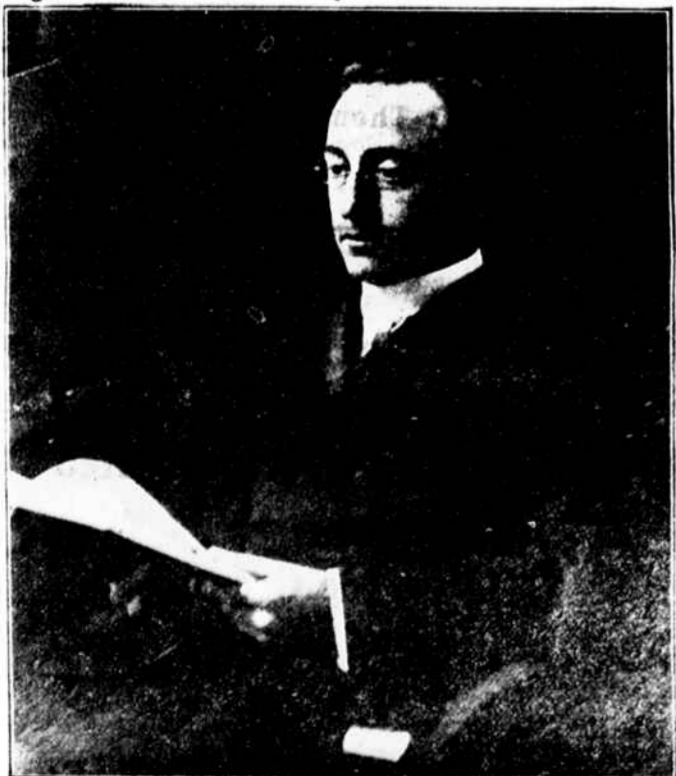
REV. W. T. SMITH.

T. J. Moss—Buck Creek; B. M. Hamrick—Coley Springs; M. B. Bridges—Mt. Olive; A. G. Banner—Piedmont; G. P. Hamrick—Zion Hill; W. T. Thompson—Bethesda.

The following resident pastors have part of their work outside of the county; J. T. Bailey, A. G. Banner, C. P. Ervin, W. W. Jones, J. C. Lawson, C. T. Schaife, W. H. Waters.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

The officers of the First Baptist Church of Spartanburg are: Rev. L. M. Roper, D. D., pastory clerk of church, Lamar Smith; (Paul Little acting in Mr. Smith's absence); deacons—M. E. Vass, H. D. Floyd, W. I. Harris, S. B. Ezell, J. C. Rigby, J. M. Connor, H. L. Benmar, J. J. Gentry, W. G. Tolleson, W. H. Crews, C. M. Crews, who is also treasurer.



REV. L. M. ROOPER.



REV. J. W. KILGO.

Reid; Old Antioch, Rev. P. B. Reid; Spartanburg, Second Church, Rev. J. P. Stevens; Clifton, Rev. J. P. Stevens; Saxon Mills, Rev. J. P. Stevens; Spartanburg, Third Church (Hauumnt) Rev. J. P. Stevens; Campobello (no supply); Fulton (Greer) Rev. Jonas Barelay.
C. S. C. Presbyterian ministers in the county who have no charges are: Dr. T. H. Law, H. R. Kell, R. P. Pell, W. C. Smith, J. W. Query.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

The First Presbyterian Church of Spartanburg was organized August 5, 1843, with Rev. Z. L. Holmes as pastor. The first building, which was of wood, was replaced by a modern brick structure costing \$25,000. This was destroyed by fire in the early 90's and the present handsome building was soon after erected. J. S. Wilkins, D. D., is pastor.

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

In 1840 Rev. C. C. Phekney preached in this district, at Limestone, Glenn Springs and Spartanburg. He held services at these places from time to time for two years. In 1843 Rev. C. P. Elliott made a report that Spartanburg was an essentially religious community and as the three leading denominations had already es-



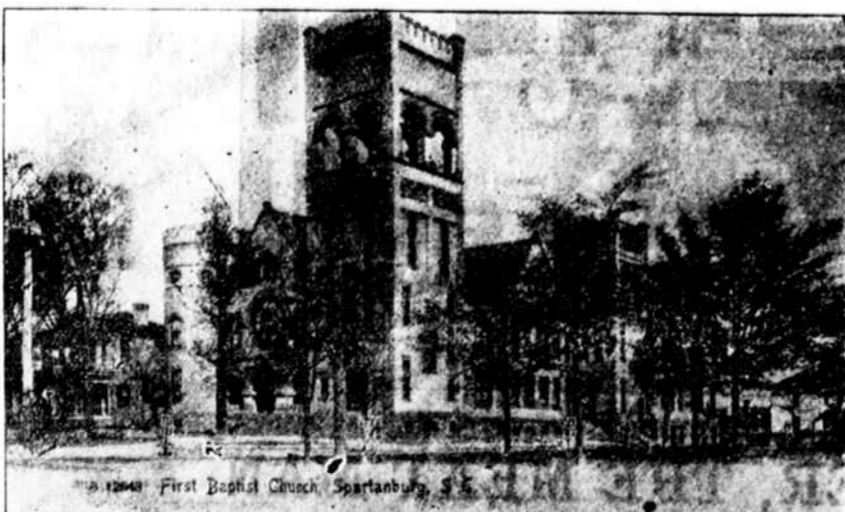
REV. J. M. MAGRUDER.

established churches, it was not hardly advisable to undertake an Episcopal Church at that time. There was but a single family in all Spartanburg County connected with the Episcopal Church at that time. But it was decided otherwise and the work of establishing a church, which should be known as Timothy, was soon after begun. A lot for a church was secured in 1847 and the following vestry elected: Col. H. H. Thomson, Charles Wear, G. W. Legg, Maj. L. H. Kennedy, Dr. L. C. Kennedy, A. S. Camp and W. L. Rowland. Admission as a church to the convention was denied and it remained a mission station until 1847. At that time the congregation had grown to ten families and in 1848 it was admitted to the convention, the name being changed to Church of the Advent.



REV. J. S. WATKINS, D. D.

Rev. C. A. B. Jennings; Becca, Rev. C. A. B. Jennings; Mt. Calvary Rev. P. B. Reid; Woodruff, Rev. P. B. Reid; Mountain Shoals, Rev. P. B.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

METHODIST STATISTICS BY CHARGES.

Charges.	Pastors.	No. Churches.	No. Members.	Value Churches.	Value Parsonage.	Pastor's Salary.	P. E.'s Salary.
Belmont.....	E. Z. Jones, Cress Anchor.....	5	230	\$ 2,900	\$1,500	\$ 600	\$ 84
Clifton-Cowpens.....	J. L. Harley, Spartanburg.....	4	295	6,500	700	645	84
Cherokee.....	B. M. Robertson.....	7	582	4,725	600	645	90
Campobello.....	J. T. Fowler, Campobello.....	7	505	8,400	1,200	600	84
Encree.....	J. W. Shell, Spartanburg.....	4	305	6,150	.....	915	93
Pacolet.....	E. W. Masch, Pacolet.....	5	637	7,200	1,600	824	113
Reidville.....	T. J. White, Reidville.....	7	611	6,201	1,500	762	98
Central.....	W. A. Massabeau, Spartanburg.....	1	784	2,900	1,100	1,800	212
Betael and Glendale.....	D. W. Keller, Spartanburg.....	2	157	1,501	1,200	455	63
Duncan-Saxon.....	J. W. Elkins, Spartanburg.....	2	415	4,100	600	651	91
Spartanburg City Mission.....	W. H. Polk.....	3	125	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals.....	.....	45	4,909	\$67,675	\$9,500	\$7,637	\$1,912

This was the foundation of the parish, laid under the guidance of Rev. L. C. Johnson. A temporary wooden chapel was erected on the present site of the church and Rev. J. D. McCullough was installed as lay reader, which position he held both here and at Glenn Springs until he was made deacon.

FIRST CONFIRMATION.

The first confirmation was made September 14th, 1851, by Rev. E. C. Gadsden officiating. About this time it was decided to build a brick house of worship and accordingly plans were drawn and the contract let. When the walls of the church had reached about three feet above ground the contractor left and was never heard of again. Thus the work remained for a year, when Dr. McCullough had the brick removed and made a contract with William Hunter for a stone building, a part of which work remains in the present building. Dr. McCullough went to the war as captain in the Holcomb Legion and preaching was for a time suspended. The presence of many refugees from the lower counties during the latter years of the war revived the work, however, and services were regularly held in the court house. After the war, the building was finished, largely through the efforts of J. H. Carson and Maj. J. M. Elford. On Tuesday, May 10, 1864 it was consecrated by Rt. Rev. T. P. Davis, D. D., and in the same year Calvary Church at Glenn Springs was also dedicated.

THE CHURCH AT THE PRESENT TIME.
The Church of the Advent is one of the handsomest churches in the city having been very greatly enlarged and improved. It is of granite and cost about \$20,000. There are 76 families in the congregation and 315 individual members.
The officers of the church are: Rev. J. M. Magruder, Rector; wardens—J. M. Elford and W. S. Manning; vestrymen—Dr. J. P. Cleveland, Col. S. T. Peilder, H. A. Ligon, Arthur Irvin, W. E. Lindsey, M. A. Piffer, Aug. W. Smith.

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIANS.

There are three A. R. P. churches in the county—Woodruff, Wellford, and Spartanburg. Rev. A. J. Ranson is in charge of the work, making his home in this city. The congregation has recently purchased a lot on the corner of Main and Advent streets and will in the near future begin the erection of a church building. They have a membership in the county of about 100.



REV. W. A. MASSABEAU.

PROPOSED METHODIST CHURCH.

In point of membership, Central Methodist Church of this city is the largest in the county, but it has been decided to divide this congregation part of it going to the new Second Church to be erected at the corner of Main and Alabama streets.

There are eleven active pastors on the eleven charges in this county. These churches are under the jurisdiction of the Spartanburg District, of which Rev. Kilgo is presiding elder. This district embraces Union and a part of Laurens and Greenville.

At the last annual conference in December the churches of this county showed a membership of 4,909. There were 45 churches and 42 houses of worship. The value of the churches was \$67,675 and the nine parsonages, \$9,500. They paid \$7,637 towards the support of the pastors, and the sum total of the church collections amounted to \$20,010.40.

All of the churches have more or less active Sunday schools and there are four Epworth Leagues in the county.

Central Church building is one of the handsomest in the city and well appointed with Sunday school rooms and class rooms. The officers are: W. A. Massabeau, pastor; Wm. M.

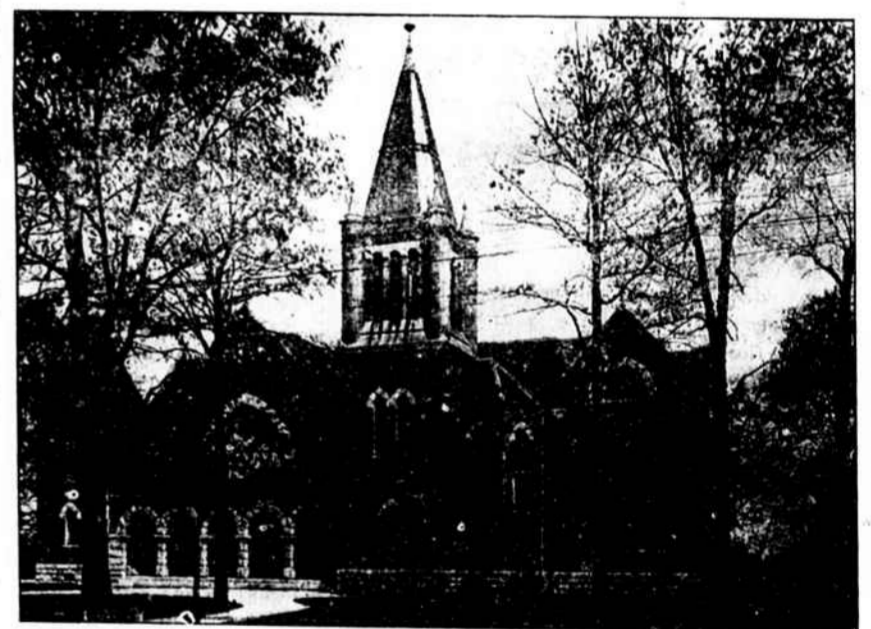


REV. A. K. GWYNN.

Catholic Church.

THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

St. Paul Catholic Church, located on North Dean street, is a mission station with Rev. A. K. Gwynn, pastor, and Rev. Father Murphy, as-



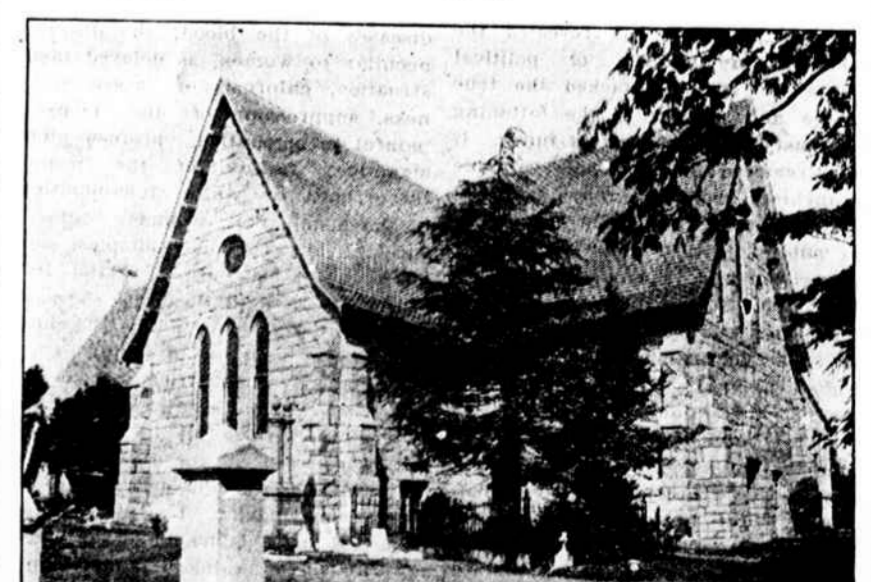
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

Jones, superintendent of Sunday school.
The trustees are: A. H. Kirby, J. H. Carlisle, J. W. Carlisle, Charles Petty, J. T. Johnson, A. G. Bennett, W. G. Blake, H. H. Herring, M. R. Banner.

The board of stewards is as follows: J. B. Carlisle, chairman, W. J. Gilmore, treasurer, Gabe Cannon, C. H. Carlisle, H. B. Carlisle, A. M. Chrichtew, D. C. Correll, T. J. Boyd, J. F. Brown, R. D. Blowers, J. J. Burnett, A. M. DuPre, D. A. DuPre, Warren DuPre, J. L. Fleming, J. A. Gamewell, T. A. Greens, C. C. Kirby, J. N. Nelson, G. W. Nicholls.

THE LUTHERAN CHURCH.

There is only one Lutheran church in the county, at Spartanburg. The church building, soon to be erected will be on North Converse street. At present services are held at the Converse Street Graded School Building by Rev. S. T. Hallman, D. D.



CHURCH OF THE ADVENT (Episcopal).