

DR. J. C. WHITE WRITES ABOUT OTHER REVIVALS IN BATESBURG, BARNWELL AND WINNSBORO THIS WEEK.

After I had closed out a successful revival at Ninety Six, which has been particularly recorded in these columns, I was next called to Batesburg, with the Mt. Zion Baptist church, the Rev. A. P. Porter is the pastor. Batesburg is the most interesting and progressive town between Columbia and Augusta, barring Aiken of course.

GOSPEL FAILED IN BATESBURG.

I have been telling our many thousands of readers of the Palmetto Leader, with triumph in my style of the irresistible sweep I have had in conducting revivals. But here I am pained to tell of how miserably I failed in Batesburg. I did not get a single convert, such a failure I've never had the like in my life before, notwithstanding I preached for four nights. There were but four or five sinners in all at night's service while I was in Batesburg.

I preached what I regraded as wonderful sermons, but it was like water poured on a duck's back.

Since then I have been looking for my failure. Was it in the manner of my delivery? No. I used that same manner everywhere I go. Was it because I was not fully consecrated to God? No. I keep my heart and life right every day. Was it because I did not have the cooperation of the people of Mt. Zion? No. They did all in their power to make the meeting a success. The only thing I can say, I did not get any results in Batesburg. Strange to say only last year, I conducted a revival at that same church and sinners could not stand the power of the gospel. It is a bad sign whenever a church, like a tree becomes barren. Jesus is still cursing unbearing trees.

GREAT MEETING AT BARNWELL.

Last week found me at the Bethlehem Baptist church, Barnwell, the Rev. A. C. L. Arbouin A. B., is the efficient and popular pastor. This church is among the most intelligent and up-to-date churches of South Carolina.

Here you will never see any rolling and wallowing on the floor, in fact they don't use the so-called "mourners bench" at all. The people sit erect and listen to the word of God and you go down to open the door of the church, and they come without much begging—and they can give you an intelligent reason for their coming. Here we took in 20 for baptism in five nights.

Among some of the leading lights of that church, are: Hon. W. S. Dixon, Dr. David Dixon, M. D.; Prof. Butler, Deacon Green, the Allens, the Harrisons and others whom I cannot recall while I write these lines. Rev. Mr. Arbouin and wife are highly thought of and they are bringing things to pass in Barnwell. This is the only Negro church I have seen who get out of their seats and give their collections in five minutes. They know the gospel when they hear it, you see no sleeping in church it reminds one of a student body in chapel.

THIS WEEK AT WINNSBORO

I am penning these lines on the porch of the beautiful and palatial home of Deacon O. E. Manigault in Winnsboro. We opened the big battle here, with the St. Paul Baptist church on last night. We had a number of sinners up on the front seat last night, some gave their hearts to Jesus and joined by baptism. These people are spiritual and fiery, they are shouting Baptists—but intelligent.

The Rev. Dr. D. W. Rosier ex-pastor is out with me and making me feel at home. This church has no pastor. Some young man with religion, intelligence, and life in him can come here and live like a king. They have large crowds—its the oldest and most influential church in Fairfield county. They have a new five or six room parsonage and the church building is among the best in the state.

Collections are good, and the people give freely. This is a big thing. Our meeting is going to be a howling success. Some good strong preacher, write Deacon O. E. Manigault, don't write me, I have nothing to do with this church.

Signed J. C. WHITE.

Laurens News.

Laurens, S. C., Sept. 9.—Vacation days are almost o'er and the school days are almost here. Sure we have many glad hearts among the boys and girls of this city.

Miss Mattie O. Duckett is visiting in the state of North Carolina.

Miss Ida Usher, of Atlanta, Ga. was the guest of Mrs. Emmaline Nelson during the past week.

Mrs. Selena Jefferson has returned home after spending a month in the "Land of the Sky." Miss Lois Little from Clinton was the guest of Miss Willie Mae Garrett on last Sunday.

Mr. William Wilson of Greer was in the city Sunday afternoon. While here he called to see Miss M. L. Fowler.

Prof. T. L. Duckett of Benedict College was in the city a short while on last Sunday.

We have just closed a very successful week of revival meeting at Bethel A. M. E. church. There were about fifty converts.

Sunday a. m., our Presiding Elder Rev. J. W. Bykes, from Greenville, preached for us. He preached a strong sermon, and we are glad to see him looking the picture of health.

The Sunshine Club met at the President's home on last Friday. There were a few visitors present, namely: Miss Mary Irby, Miss Ida Usher and Mrs. Selena Jefferson. The visitors made some splendid talks, which we all enjoyed. Come again.

A delicious course of ice cream and cake was served by the hostess, Miss Mary Tille was called on to thank the hostess. The next meeting will be at the home of Miss Ludie Higgins.

The Boosters Club met on Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. N. E. Kennedy on 752 W. Hampton Street. The meeting was very successful. The amount collected was \$5.15. The Boosters Club will give a Japanese Festival in the basement of the church on Sept. 21st. Don't miss this grand entertainment. It will be one of the best to be put over this season.

The many friends of this city wish to extend their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. John Mills, in their recent bereavement of their sister, who departed this life a few days ago at her home in Greenville.

The two little boys of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Garlington are getting along nicely after a very successful operation.

REPORTER.

Bennettsville News.

Bennettsville, S. C., Sept. 9.—Many of the friends regret to hear of the death of Mrs. Davis, of Cheraw, S. C. Undertaker Morris took charge of the body. She was laid to rest in Saw Mill cemetery. Rev. J. J. Harrison, pastor.

Mr. A. L. Lucks and son Jas. L. Lucks, returned to Washington, D. C., after a pleasant vacation home with relatives and friends.

Messrs. Bingham Thomas and Mosteen McCollum returned to

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WANTING.

The Sighing of a Lover for His Absent Sweetheart.

By William D. Robinson.

Here in my exile many pleasing things
Vic with each other to solace my mind,
And drive away the moods Reflection brings.—
Would make me to each saddening vision blind;
But all in vain.

The birds at morning with tumultuous song
Inside my dreams, bright sunbeams bid me wake,
Yet Joy within my heart, young, pulsing, strong,
Cries suddenly to feel an empty ache,
A heart torn pain.

Here field and mead and blue sky-circled wood,
With birds, butterflies and cattle grazing,
Invite my heart to joy in living good:
Spread the beautiful in charms amazing,
But still I feel

A soul-deep loneliness, a yearning need
For her whose absence makes the flowers sad;
For whose sweet presence Nature's voices plead;
Whose love alone can keep my spirit glad,
And stir life's zeal.

If she was here to smile, O how much sweeter
Would be the birds' blithe song, the flowers' sweetness;
And each joy-laden hour would be fleetest,—
And bright winged with love's delighting fleetness:
My soul waits you.

Washington, D. C., for their school term.

In a few more days Bennettsville will be without many of our school friends. Quite a crowd left this a. m., for State Normal in Fayetteville, N. C. We wish them much success.

The Revival meeting at Pee Dee church last week conducted by Rev. McFarlan was quite a success. He called to see the reporter on school matters Saturday a. m.

Rev. Glenn, of Charlotte, N. C. was at his best Sunday. Quite a large crowd was present Sunday night to Shiloh Baptist church, when Rev. S. S. Youngblood, baptized about 20 or more converts. This means something for Shiloh. Collection for the day was \$10.50.

Quite a large number from the city witnessed the large baptizing at Macedonia church Sunday. They baptized about 32, and 8 were too late for the time. Rev. P. B. Mlodana, pastor just tried to die away preaching Sunday, and yet we trust that he will understand we want to hear him more than once. So we trust he won't preach quite so hard again soon. He will open school Monday a. m., at Camden, S. C. The people of Camden are doing a wise thing to keep him as principal of the High School.

The Reporter and Sister Carringer Sanders had quite a surprise trip to Laurinburg, N. C., Monday, a. m., with Mr. J. McKay. This was a very delightful trip. While in the city we visited the Institute and took a very inspiring view through the College. Dr. McDuffie is certainly bringing the school up to the requirement.

Miss Bessie Jones called a few minutes Sunday p. m., to see the Reporter. Sunday p. m., Mr. B. J. Bradford from Fayetteville, N. C., visited Miss Jones.

The many friends regret the auto wreck of Mr. B. C. Campbell, which turned over three times with the following persons: E. D. Dudley, Mr. Ash, P. T. Tilman, C. J. Johnson and Mr. Campbell. Trust all will soon be better.

There isn't any paper that is making such a wonderful impression upon the people of this city

signed by not less than three members and an Elder in the lodges, also requests from lodges Washington St., Presbyterian must be in writing with the seal of the lodge impressed, signed by the secretary, countersigned by the W. M., also in case where a local lodge requests action with reference to a grievance from a member, the original grievance must be attached before same can be presented to the district meeting for action.

Now, Fellow Craftmen, this is the last district meeting for us before the Grand Lodge convenes let it be one full of inspiration as well as aspiration, and cheer up that venerable old man, Rev. A. G. Kennedy, who has stood in front of this craft for twenty-six years or more through all the storms, and is now willing to be offered up. Come! Help us cheer him.

Calling your attention to these few very important matters, we are anticipating the pleasure of meeting the craftmen from all the lodges on the above date. Mortuary dues, and information thereto will be collected during this meeting. Tax for this meeting is as follows:

District Tax 25c per member.
National Grand Lodge Tax 25c per member.

Fraternally,
F. R. GLADDEN,
Acting D. D. G. M., No. 512 Sumter St.
E. R. LEWIS,
Secretary, No. 300 Pickens St.

OBITUARY.
Abbeville, S. C., Sept. 9.—On Sept. 4, Mr. Alfred Jones departed this life after an illness of many months. He had been in poor health for almost a year; but since May he has been more or less confined to his bed. The end came in his 59th year. He was for many years a member of the Palmetto Leader. Hope it will continue.
Mrs. Glenn McCollum, Miss Ruth McCollum, Prof. J. J. Cunningham and Little E. McCollum, and many others I can't recall were out to Rev. P. B. Mlodana's church to witness the large baptizing.
Mrs. Gladys Shield returned to Washington, D. C.; also Mr. Carlie Muffie returned to Philadelphia, Pa., for the winter.

The entire County of Marlboro, for a long period of time has been in mourning for rain; so in Christ's own time Monday p. m., He kindly in His loving sent us a wonderful needy blessing of rain. Just pray on and Christ will help us.
Mr. Shakespeare McEaddy certainly studied a wise plan, when he opened up a very nice barber shop on Jennings street for the better accommodation of our people. Trust he will make good; as we need more men to step out in business of their own.

Dr. A. C. Coombs is still keeping busy. He isn't in the city only a short stay at a time. We only see him passing. He is a splendid Presiding Elder.
Miss C. D. Sanders, Reporter.

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To all Worshipful Masters, Wardens, and Brethren of the above named District,
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You are hereby notified that the District Meeting will be held in Columbia, S. C., Sept. 16, 1925 at High Noon (12 o'clock) at Frederick's Hall, 1323 Assembly St., to transact such business as shall legally come before it. The Grand Master respectfully requests the Worshipful Masters of the various lodges in this district to obey the summons.

The election of officers in this district will be one of the special features in the regular order of business, and each lodge is requested to come well represented.
The Acting D. D. G. M. wishes all lodges to make full reports including therein all members. All resolutions presented to this meeting must be in writing and

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