

**TODD MEMORIAL CHURCH DEDICATED.**

**Dr. Neville Preached the Sermon, Delivering a Thoughtful and Forceful Discourse—History of the Church.**

Todd Memorial Presbyterian Church was formally dedicated to the service of God with beautiful and appropriate ceremonies last Sunday morning. The dedicatory sermon was preached by the Rev. W. G. Neville, D. D., of Clinton. "We are laborers together with God," First Corinthians, third chapter, third verse, was the text of Dr. Neville's thoughtful and inspiring sermon, delivered with great earnestness and effect.

As pastor and member of the building committee the Rev. J. L. McLin formally turned the keys over to the officers of the church charging that they ever guard its sanctity and that it be used only for the worship of Almighty God.

At the conclusion of the charge, Rev. Robt. Adams came forward and read an historical sketch of the Church, which is given below.

The Church, which is a handsome and comfortable little edifice, was occupied on this occasion to its full seating capacity and the audience witnessed the ceremonies with appreciative interest throughout.

**HISTORY OF THE CHURCH.**  
Soon after the building of the Laurens Cotton Mills, the Rev. David A. Todd began to hold services, once or twice a month for the people connected with it.

At the meeting of the Presbytery of Enoree at Union, in September, 1897, a commission was appointed to organize a Church there, should the way be clear. This commission was composed of the following: Rev. Robert Adams, chairman, Rev. D. A. Todd, Rev. J. F. Ja-

cobs, Dr. Thos. McCoy and Mr. W. L. Boyd. This was at the request of Mr. Todd, who died in February, 1902. The question as to when the organization should take place was left by the commission entirely to his judgment and up to the time of his death, he never thought the way was quite clear. In the minutes of an adjourned meeting of Presbytery, however, held in Spartanburg, on June 3, 1902, is the following record: "A petition, signed by 36 persons, reading at or near the Laurens Cotton Mill, was presented, asking that Presbytery organize them into a Church to be located at that point. In response it was resolved, that a commission consisting of Rev. Robert Adams, Rev. B. P. Reid and Elders C. W. Tune and J. O. Templeton be appointed to visit that place and organize a Church, if the way be clear."

This commission met on July 13, 1902, in the hall of the Cotton Mill Store that has since been destroyed by fire. All the members were present and the organization was effected with 34 members, coming from other Churches. Two elders were elected, viz: R. J. Franks and S. F. Parrott; and two deacons, W. W. Blakely and W. J. Benjamin; and the deacons, together with E. R. Blakely, were made trustees.

The Rev. David A. Todd had left a legacy of \$1,000 to be used in erecting a building for the Church, whenever it should be organized; and in honor of his memory, its name was chosen, The Todd Memorial Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. J. F. Pharr, in the following August or September, came to serve the Church and a call for him as its pastor was presented to the Presbytery at Columbia, on Oct. 23, 1902. This call was never accepted; but he continued to supply the Church for about 8 months.

The Rev. J. L. McLin took charge in Nov. 1903, as stated supply, and he is still serving the Church in that capacity.

Since the organization twenty-seven names have been added to the roll, two have died, fourteen have been dismissed to other Churches, twelve have moved away, leaving the present resident membership of the Church thirty-three. At a congregational meeting held Jan. 4th 1904, S. H. Templeton was elected a trustee of the Church, in the place of E. R. Blakely, who at that time had moved away, but has since returned. At that meeting the Rev. J. L. McLin and the elders and deacons were appointed a committee to attend to the matter of securing a lot and the erection of a building. Efforts were made by this committee to secure financial help from the Laurens Cotton Mill Company, but without success. The members were greatly discouraged by this failure. At the fall meeting of Presbytery at Salem Church, a sub-committee of Local Home Missions was appointed for the Laurens Mill District. This committee was composed of Rev. Jas. L. McLin, J. O. Templeton and J. O. C. Fleming. After several months elapsed, the committee secured a lot from Mr. W. W. Jones and then took steps to have a building erected. The contract was let early in June 1905, to Mr. B. Z. Mundy of Greenwood and he began work on the 19th or 20th of the month and finished the building August 4th, 1905. The congregation worshipped in the Church on August 6th for the first time, the minister preaching a sermon from the text: "For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ," 1 Cor. 3:11.

S. H. Templeton has recently been elected to the office of deacon and was

ordained and installed on the 3rd Sabbath of this month. The present deacons are W. W. Blakely and S. H. Templeton, R. J. Franks, the only elder.

A Sabbath School was organized in the Church, Third Sabbath in August, 1905, John Moore, Superintendent; S. H. Templeton.

The building and lot cost \$1,350, the amount additional to the legacy of Rev. Mr. Todd, having been contributed in large part by members of the First Church of Laurens and the remainder by the congregation of this Church and other friends.

**GOT THE CROWD.**—Reverend Sixty is always thinking up some way to fill his church with women," says the friend. "He argues that if he gets them to come, they will bring their husbands with them."

"Not bad reasoning, that."

"No, indeed. Why, last Easter he had nearly the whole town to hear him preach."

"He did?"

"Yes He announced that instead of passing the usual plates for the collection, pattern bonnets from the leading milliners would be substituted."—Life

**REGULAR JONAH**

"De ole mule th'owed Br'er Thomas head-over heels inter de mill pond, en a 'gator riz up en swallered him!"

"Too bad!"

"Yes, but I recon we'll see him ag'in kaze de 'gators done crawled up on de bank, en hes looking mighty sick!"

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**County Clubs Hold Meetings.**

County Convention who is not in favor of the State Dispensary and repealing that damnable Brice Bill.

3. That we instruct our delegates to vote for no delegate to the State Convention who is in favor of two State campaign meetings to the county; that all State and National candidates shall discuss issues together.

4. That we will support no man to the Legislature who is not in favor of giving to the public schools of the county one-half of the profits from the Dispensary.

**Mountville Democratic Club.**

Pursuant to the call of the chairman the Mountville Democratic club met at Mountville Saturday, April 28th, and proceeded to reorganize and elect the following officers and delegates:

M. B. Crisp, president; W. P. Culbertson, vice-president; W. D. Pyles, secretary and treasurer.

Executive Committee—J. L. Tellers, W. P. Culbertson, W. D. Pyles. Enrolling Committee—R. T. Dunlap, E. A. Adams, J. A. Jones, J. H. Motes, W. D. Pyles.

**Democrats of Dials.**

Democrats of Dials met at 2 o'clock Saturday, April 28th, and elected Dr. John S. Wolff, president; Virgil A. White, vice-president, W. S. Power, secretary and treasurer.

Executive Committeeman—A. C. Owings. Enrolling Committee—W. S. Power,

John D. Owings, John Wolff, D. B. Godfrey, Willis Putman.

Delegates to County Convention—Dr. John S. Wolff, H. S. Wallace, R. G. Wilson, John H. Wolff, W. L. Abercrombie, Joe Wham, Willis Putman, Laurens Armstrong, Luther Owens, Harris Curry, H. Y. Simmons, D. B. Godfrey, Billy Campbell, George Putman, E. T. Shell, W. H. Barksdale, W. H. Yeargin, John D. Owings, Columbus Owens, G. F. Dorroh, V. A. White, H. J. G. Curry, D. D. Stoddard, W. S. Power, B. Putman, R. C. Owings.

**Cross Hill Club.**

M. T. Simpson, president; S. W. Lowe, vice-president; David Burnside, secretary; W. B. Fuller, county executive committeeman.

Delegates to County Convention: M. T. Simpson, W. B. Fuller, S. W. Lowe, P. S. Pinson, Elkin Griffin, Olin Pitts, Mark Nelson, W. M. Miller, W. P. Madden, B. A. Wharton, J. C. Wade, J. B. Smith.

The announcement has been made that Andrew Carnegie has offered to give to the School of Technology of Newberry College \$10,000 upon condition that the friends of the College shall raise a like amount. The citizens of Newberry have acted promptly and the necessary amount has been raised.

There are now being cared for at the Odd Fellows Orphan Home, near the city, fourteen children. Several have arrived from Columbia this week. The delegates to the grand lodge which meets here on the 9th of May will have ample opportunity to see the Home.—Greenville Mountaineer.

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**LAURENS MAN FOR GOVERNOR?**

**It is Said R. Lee Chandler Will Run on Socialist Ticket.**

Columbia, April 30.—South Carolina socialists have finally decided to put out a State ticket, though it has not been fully determined yet whether the ticket will be full or only men for the leading places nominated.

The idea of holding a State convention has been abandoned on account of the expense and the ticket will be arranged for by correspondence and announced in about two weeks. The object is merely to test the strength of the party in the State and provide for a thorough organization by counties later.

With this purpose in view the Columbia socialists are now taking up the matter of a State ticket with members of the party in Charleston, Greenville, Anderson, Spartanburg, Orangeburg, Florence, and other leading towns of the State, taking the vote for the nominations by correspondence as it were.

R. Lee Chandler, of Clinton, will in all probability be the candidate for governor. He has already practically agreed to make the race. Mr. Chandler is a small farmer living several miles from Clinton, and has never run for office.

**AN IMPROVEMENT PROMISED.**—"Look here!" exclaimed the old lady. "I want you to take back that parrot you sold me. I find that it swears very badly." "Well, madam," replied the dealer, "it's a very young bird; it'll learn to swear better when it's a bit older."—Tit-bits.

The revival services at the First Methodist Church, conducted by Rev. H. G. Scudday are still in progress.

**HE WOULDN'T WE BOSSED.**—"What? Fell downstairs! How did it happen?" "Why, you see I started to go down, and my wife said, 'be careful, John!' And I'm not the man to be dictated to by any woman, so down I went."—Tit-Bits.

Every season has its pleasures; Spring may boast her flowery prime, Yet the vineyards ruby treasures, Brighten Autumn's sob'rer time. —Thomas Moore.

Boarder (warmly): Oh, I know every one of the tricks of your trade. Do you think I have lived in boarding houses twenty years for nothing? Landlady (frigidly): I shouldn't be at all surprised.

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