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BAPTISTS OF CLINTON ENTER NEW BUILDING

Opening Services Held Last Sunday Morning and Evening.

HANDSOME EDIFICE AT COST OF \$17,000

After Heroic Efforts On Part Of Entire Congregation, Handsome New Church Building Is Erected and First Service At Which Pastor C. Lewis Fowler Preached Excellent Sermon, Held Sunday Morning—Building Committee.

Clinton, Feb. 13.—The congregation of the First Baptist church of this place today worshiped for the first time in their beautiful new church, which has just been completed after much zeal and sacrifice on their part.

The auditorium was well filled with a happy, joyous assembly when at 11 o'clock, the initial service was held.

The choir was composed of Mrs. W. B. Owens, Mrs. J. T. Robertson, Misses Mary Johnson, Nettie Dillard, Eleanor Dockett, Emmie Robertson, Mabel Sumerel, Chloe Johnson, Messrs. D. M. Hobb, Fred Fowler, and J. T. Robertson. Miss Maude Sumerel presided at the organ.

The service. Mr. Fowler chose as his text Isaiah 60:1, and preached on the character and mission of the Christian church. He was listened to with profound appreciation and many of the things he said will be cherished in memory.

Dr. Dericux spoke briefly in praise and congratulation of the congregation.

Pledge cards were distributed with the object of clearing away the indebtedness of about \$2,500, which still overhangs the church, and very probably success will crown this endeavor.

In the year 1889 a majority of the members of "Old Huntsville church," near Clinton seceded from it in order to enter into the organization of a Baptist church in the little town of Clinton. The original membership of this First Baptist church of Clinton

woodwork and pews. The floor is covered with a soft mossy green carpet of brussels.

The white ceiling rises in octagonal shape to a central dome. It is studded with many soft white globes that diffuse the electric light in a mellow glow.

To the right of the pulpit the graceful pipes of the organ—658 in number rise behind the choir loft.

A lectern in the shape of an eagle with outspread wings bearing up the sacred book, and a bronze cherub holding aloft a cluster of lights, adorn the platform.

To the left is the movable partition between the auditorium and the Sunday school room.

Directly facing the minister's stand is a large three-panel window representing Christ's baptism in the Jordan by John and the descent of the Holy Spirit.

Memorial Windows.

Of the five memorial windows, first in beauty and general interest is a large three-panel one on the west side in memory of the Rev. J. B. Parrott, the loved pastor of this church at the time of his death, and long years before his entering the ministry an able teacher in Clinton. The window was erected with subscription gifts from his former pupils, and its beautiful symbolism is a fit emblem of their feeling for him. The central panel is pictorial representing an oriental shepherd leading his flock through green pastures by still waters, and bearing in his arms a lamb. The side panels are conventional designs.

Maj. Richard H. Griffin and his wife, Mrs. Emily Jones Griffin, who were among the original members, are memorialized in two windows of conventional design, the gift of their children, Mrs. John J. Robertson and Mrs. George M. Davis of Clinton, John K. Griffin of Copper Hill, Tennessee, Thomas J. Griffin of Fitzgerald, Ga., and C. William Griffin of Brooklyn, N. Y.

John A. Ferguson, another original

DR. HUGHES IN RICHMOND.

Will Address Tri-State Medical Society This Week.

Following is an item that appeared Sunday in the Richmond Times-Dispatch:

"General health conditions in the South and the recent medical discoveries will be the principal subjects to come up for discussion at the twelfth annual meeting of the Tri-State Medical association, to be held in this city February 15, 16 and 17.

Six hundred physicians, representing the flower of the medical profession in North and South Carolina and Virginia and a number of distinguished scientists from the outside states, are expected to be present.

Aside from the transaction of routine business, there will be addresses by prominent scientists and discussions of various subjects. Professor Henry A. Christian, of the Harvard Medical school, will deliver an address on "What Animal Experimentation Has Done For Modern Medical Science," and Dr. Rolfe E. Hughes will speak on "Religious Press and Quackery."

Unknown Infant Found.

Clinton, Feb. 14th.—Last Wednesday morning the body of a male infant was found buried on a vacant lot on North Broad street, its head crushed. Medical examination proved that the child had breathed. It had apparently been buried two or three days.

It was wrapped in a Spartanburg Herald of Dec. 5, bearing no label. There is no clue to the murderer.

The coroner's verdict was in accord with these facts.

"On To Richmond."

Drs. R. E. Hughes, Isadore Schayer, and W. D. Ferguson of this city left on Monday for Richmond to attend the annual convention of the Tri-State Medical society, which met there yesterday and whose sessions continue through tomorrow. Dr. Hughes is a former president of this society, which embraces the states of Virginia, South and North Carolina.

MRS. B. R. TILLMAN JR. GETS HER CHILDREN

A special dispatch to The Advertiser from The State yesterday afternoon conveyed the intelligence that Mrs. B. R. Tillman, Jr., has been awarded the custody of her two children, according to a decision handed down Tuesday morning by the supreme court.

This case has attracted the attention of the whole country, because of the prominence of those concerned, particularly because United States Senator B. R. Tillman, Sr. had been deeded the children of his son, B. R. Jr. without the consent and against the wishes of the mother. The case was heard by the supreme court two weeks ago, and the decision reached yesterday.

Death of C. T. Whitten.

The burial service of Mr. C. T. Whitten, whose death occurred Friday night, was held at the city cemetery yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock. He was ill only a week or ten days with an attack of pneumonia. The deceased was an ex-Confederate soldier having served in the 15th S. C. regiment, Kershaw's brigade. He was 72 years of age. In 1887 he removed from Ninety-Six to this city and opened a blacksmith and repair shop and up to the time of his recent fatal illness he continued the active management of different shop enterprises. Two sons who live in Birmingham, and James Whitten are among his relatives.

the corner-stone laid July 23. Since that time the work progressed steadily to completion.

The congregation worked earnestly and unitedly and made the labors of the building committee a pleasure to them. This committee of which R. L. Bailey was chairman, consisted of R. L. Bailey, H. L. Todd, J. T. Robertson, W. M. Sumerel, R. F. Bryson and the Rev. C. Lewis Fowler.

The cost originally determined on was \$10,000, but, as is generally the case, when the enthusiasm of actual building had seized the people they enlarged their plans in several particulars, and the building, equipment and all, has cost about \$17,000. It is splendidly equipped, has furnace heat, stained glass in all the windows a \$2,000 pipe organ, seats of California redwood with mahogany finish and brass fixtures. Its seating capacity is between 700 and 800, and by the use of chairs it is estimated that it will seat 1,000.

HOME TRUST COMPANY RAPIDLY ORGANIZING

New Enterprise Will Be Formally Organized About March 1st. Stock Selling at Lively Rate.

Two weeks ago The Advertiser contained a notice concerning the organization of the Home Trust Company, the petitioners having secured a commission to sell stock. The books of the company, with offices at the Enterprise bank, have been open for some days and a considerable portion of the stock subscribed for. The final organization of the company will be perfected about March 1st.

The impression was received by a number of people that the books would close yesterday, the 15th of February; this, however, was incorrect, for the books will be open the remainder of this month. And because the petitioners for the commission were directors of the Enterprise bank, the impression was that only stockholders of that bank were to take up the stock of the new company. This is not by any means the case for a number of farmers of the county have already subscribed for stock.

In speaking of the new company, Mr. C. H. Roper, one of the organizers, said that the new trust company would carry on a general loan business on real estate and act as executors, in accordance with the usual business of trust companies, and that while the Enterprise bank would continue the loan business, it was hoped to make that a specialty for the new company.

"Do you know," said Mr. Roper, "that Laurens county is just now coming into its own, particularly in the banking business? Just a few years ago the biggest farmers did all their business in Greenville and Newberry; they see now that to do business in their own county is a source of wealth to themselves. Why pay interest on loans secured in another county? Why not have the farmers of this county benefitted by their own business? The work of a trust company works benefit to the home people."

The stock of the Home Trust company is being sold at \$50 per share, the capital stock is \$50,000. As soon as 50 per cent of this amount is subscribed and 20 per cent paid in, the company will secure its charter and be ready for business. As stated, it is the hopes of the management to get all matters in shape by March 1st.

Cake Sale Saturday.

The ladies of the First Presbyterian church will have a cake sale at the Todd-Simpson company's store on next Saturday, beginning at 10 o'clock. Those who have patronized these sales before know what to expect; others are advised to investigate. There will be an excellent assortment of cakes on sale, and at reasonable prices. Time: Saturday of this week.

Civic League to Meet.

Mrs. T. D. Darlington, president of the civic league, requests the announcement that the civic league will meet next Monday afternoon in the chamber of commerce rooms at 4 o'clock. It is especially desired that a full attendance be had, for a matter of considerable importance is to be passed upon. The same company that is to erect the Confederate monument will submit designs of a fountain to be placed on the court house square. The civic league has some funds on hand and in view of the fact that the court house is to be remodelled and a monument erected on the grounds, this additional work of beautifying is contemplated. Let all the members of the league be present, for this matter is to be decided.

Terry's Big Sale.

Beginning Feb. 18th, H. Terry begs to announce to his many patrons that he will have a special sale of household goods, ready to wear things for men women and children.

Attractive embroideries, shoes and notions will be also displayed and the public is cordially invited to attend this nine day sale.

After March 15th, Mr. Terry will handle the famous Butterick patterns.

Darrel Harris Dies in Denver.

Mr. W. E. Martin received a telegram Saturday from his sister-in-law, Mrs. Darrel Harris of Denver, Colorado, stating that her husband had passed away the evening before and that his remains would be brought back here for interment. The deceased was the son of Mr. Will Harris, formerly of Laurens, now a resident of Columbia, and was about 30 years old. He married Miss Lillie Robertson, daughter of the late J. M. Robertson of this city, and they have been living in Denver for the last four years.

CHARGE ABDUCTION AGAINST YOUNG MAN

D. L. McQueen Runs Away With Miss Grace Cannon of Fountain Inn, Aged 13, But Is Intercepted.

D. L. McQueen, a young white man, from the lower part of the state, is held in the county jail at Greenville on a warrant charging him with the abduction of the pretty 13-year-old daughter of Mr. J. A. Cannon, postmaster of Fountain Inn.

McQueen had paid court to Miss Grace Cannon, the postmaster's daughter, and on Monday morning they left Mr. Cannon's home in a buggy, headed toward Woodruff. Hurriedly the news of the runaway was made known and the couple was overtaken near Woodruff. They were looking for a preacher to marry them. The girl is said to be only thirteen years old and exceptionally pretty.

The young man was placed in the jail at Fountain Inn, and it is said the citizens of the little town were so indignant that they wanted to break into the jail and do violence to the man. Chief of Police Martin talked with the crowd that assembled and told them the young man had committed no grave offense and it would not do to do any harm to him. He was spirited away from the jail and brought to Greenville by Mr. Martin and is now locked up under a warrant issued before Magistrate J. B. Woods of Fountain Inn at the instigation of the girl's parents, charging him with abduction.

When seen at the jail, McQueen said he loved the young lady and that his love was "true and pure as the heavens above," and even though the bars separated them he still loved her. He is a neat looking chap and comes from a good family in the lower part of the state, having relatives in Columbia.

He said that for the past few years he had been living in Montgomery, Ala., and made a living by selling pictures. He says he has known the young lady about three months and quite a fascination for her had developed. So yesterday morning he drove up to the house and the young lady rode away with him in search of a pastor to perform the ceremony. The girl's parents objected on account of her age. They had McQueen arrested on the charge of abduction.—The News.

COUNTY TEACHERS TO MEET.

Association Will Meet February 26th. Program For Meeting.

The Laurens County Teachers' association will meet in the auditorium of the Laurens Graded school building at 10 a. m. on the 26th day of February. It is to be hoped that the weather of this date will be good and that more teachers will attend this meeting than attended the last.

Following is the program: "How to Teach Particles and Infinitives," Mr. M. B. Self; "Athletics in Our Schools," Mr. B. L. Parkinson; "The Improvement of Our School Grounds," Mr. Martin. Each of these subjects will be open to the teachers present for discussion.

WILL SING NAZARENE ON THURSDAY NIGHT

Under the auspices of the Junior Aid society of the First Methodist church of this city, "The Nazarene" a sacred cantata, will be sung in the auditorium of the Methodist church on Thursday evening of this week, beginning at 8 o'clock. Practices have been held for a number of weeks and the large chorus is composed of the best singers in the city of all denominations. The Nazarene will be the biggest musical event in the history of Laurens, according to reports from all sides.

As indicated by the title, The Nazarene is the story, in song, of Jesus of Nazareth; it is a beautiful piece of music and all the parts are well carried. There are a number of solos which are to be taken by the leading voices, and the chorus work is excellent.

The proceeds of the entertainment will go into the funds of the Aid society; there will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be gathered. Let everybody come; none will be disappointed.

Smart Nelson.

Mr. W. C. Nelson and Mrs. Sadie Shook, both of Augusta, were married by the Rev. E. C. Watson at his home on South Harper street Tuesday, Feb. 8. Mr. Nelson is a Laurens county boy and is a railroad fireman on C. & W. C. out of Augusta.

ITEMS OF INTEREST IN SOUTH CAROLINA

Culled and Condensed for Busy Readers.

RESUME OF PAST WEEK

Current Events of Interest in This State Selected and Briefly Noted For Advertiser Readers.

Columbia—W. B. Avant, who was ordered released, under habeas corpus proceedings, under a bond of \$3,000, has not yet furnished the required bond and is therefore still confined in the penitentiary at Columbia.

Charleston—Mr. Robert Lathan has been selected to succeed Maj. J. C. Hemphill as editor-in-chief of The News and Courier. Mr. Lathan was for a number of years secretary to the late N. G. Gonzales, editor of The State; he was later court stenographer, and for the past five years has been on the staff of The News and Courier.

Greenville—In a whirlwind campaign, the city of Greenville raised by private subscriptions the sum of \$52,000 for a Y. M. C. A. building.

Columbia—Thos. G. McLeod has announced himself a candidate this year for governor. Mr. McLeod will run on the local option platform as regards the sale of whiskey. Representative John G. Richards has also announced himself a candidate on the statewide prohibition platform.

Columbia—The charges against John G. Mobley were not taken very seriously, and the committee investigating the same has vindicated the president of the Fair society. The committee's report is: "Having investigated the charges against Mr. Mobley by Ex-Secretary Love, we find that the allegations are not sustained."

Auction Sale Next Week.

Rain and sleet again prevented the auction sale of suburban lots by the North Laurens Realty company on last Friday; hence, the sale has been postponed until Thursday of next week, the 24th. All the attractions previously announced, balloon ascension etc., will be had on that day. Read the advertisement on page eight.

Attended Trolley Meeting.

Clinton, Feb. 14th.—Mr. Chaney W. Stone who represented this town at the trolley meeting in Greenville last Friday and Messrs. D. W. Mison, H. D. Henry and Dr. W. A. Shands, who were in Fountain Inn are enthusiastic about the proposed line.

Mr. Murata To Speak Here.

Mr. Murata, a Japanese student of Wofford college, will deliver an illustrated lecture on Japan in the First Methodist church, next Sunday evening, at 7:30 o'clock. Special music will be rendered. A voluntary collection will be taken for the benefit of the Woman's Foreign Missionary society. Mr. Murata comes highly recommended and the worth of his cause should recommend him to the people.

Burial of Clarence White.

The burial of the late Mr. Clarence L. White took place at New Harmony church last Wednesday at noon, following the funeral service, held at the home of his parents, near Ovington, by the Rev. T. T. Todd, assisted by the Rev. W. E. Thayer of Laurens.

CROSS HILL NEWS NOTES.

Short Items of Interest About Hustling Little Town.

Cross Hill, Feb. 14th.—Mr. Austin Leaman left for Clinton last Friday to accept a position as clerk with Dilard and Boland of that place.

The people here regret very much to lose Mr. Boney as editor of The Advertiser and congratulate The News & Courier on securing his services. They wish him success in his new field of labor.

Mr. Louis Hanna has accepted a position with the Star Drug Co., of Yorkville, S. C.

Messrs. J. E. and Floyd Spearman have bought out Mr. Luther Martin's grocery business and will continue the business at the same place.

Mr. Henry Boyce is spending a few days with relatives at Clinton.

Mr. R. A. Boyce killed a pig last Saturday six months old, that weighed 100 pounds.

Dr. J. H. Miller went over to the Chester hospital with a patient last week.



BAPTIST CHURCH—CLINTON, S. C.
J. H. CASEY—ARCHITECT
ANDERSON, S. C.

was 31. In 1882 they erected a church at a cost of \$2,000. Yesterday this congregation, now grown beyond 200 in number, assembled in a handsome and beautifully appointed house of worship just completed at a cost of over \$17,000.

Description of New Church. The new church, so happily entered, is indeed one to be proud of. Ideally situated at the intersection of Broad street the principal street in Clinton, with Centennial street, which bids fair to develop into beautiful street when it shall have been open to the village of Lydia; within two blocks of the heart of the town; opposite the lovely Thornwell orphanage; easy of access from all parts of town. Had the congregation chosen from all Clinton no more desirable situation could have been found. It stands on the site of the old church, which was torn away to make room for it.

It is built of brick with cement and granite trimmings. There are four entrances, two on Broad and two on Centennial streets. A private entrance leads from the rear to the pastor's study.

The corner rises to a belfry where hangs the same bell that rang from the old church steeple.

The Interior. One's first impression on entering the church is of its richness. A dim religious light falls through stained glass windows over mahogany-finished

member of the church, is perpetuated in memory by a pretty window, the gift of his children, John Ferguson, Waters Ferguson, Richard Ferguson, all of Clinton, and Mrs. Thomas Lake and Mrs. Mary E. Barksdale of Laurens.

To the memory of Mrs. Rosa Tindall Sumerel, wife of W. M. Sumerel, a window similar to the Ferguson window has been erected by her father, L. R. Tindall of Atlanta, and her brother, Dr. L. R. Tindall, Jr., of Muncie, Ind.

All of these windows and the other smaller windows in the building are of pleasing conventional designs and of rich clear coloring. A prevalent green tone characterizes them all.

The Sunday School Room.

The Sunday school room is so arranged that on the removal of folding partitions it becomes a part of the main auditorium, harmonizing with it in furnishing. Every seat commands a good view of the pulpit, and the floor slopes toward it.

Joining the main room and shut off from it by movable partitions are eight class rooms and a library. Two of these rooms, designed for the Baraca and Philathea classes, have a seating capacity of 70. These class rooms contain chairs, while the main room has mahogany finished seats.

Cost and Equipment. Dirt was broken June 2, 1909, and