

THE MT. ZION CENTENNIAL.

High Honor Paid the Memory of the Great Missionary, Dr. J. Leighton Wilson.

Mt. Zion church, that stronghold of Presbyterianism for a full hundred years, that nursery of foreign missionaries, whose zeal and self-sacrifice have carried to many benighted pagan lands the light of the Gospel and all of whose influence for good only eternity can disclose, that home of as generous and as unostentatious hospitality as the hospitable South has ever known, was Thursday the scene of a gathering the like of which it would be difficult to find elsewhere. At this historic religious center were gathered hundreds of the descendants of John Witherspoon and his companion Scotch-Irish Presbyterians, who coming from North Ireland, in 1732 settled at old Kingstree and founded Williamsburg church, bringing Christianity and civilization into the wilderness of Carolina, and spreading thence up Black River founded a community that has, for nearly two centuries, been characterized by all that is best in American citizenship, the foundation-stones of which have been, and are, sincere piety, industry and an intelligent appreciation of the advantages of education and the culture that is of the heart as well as of the mind. Met together with these descendants of the Scotch-Irish pioneers were other hundreds of their friends from far and near who had come to join in with them in paying a tribute to the memory of Rev. John Leighton Wilson, one of the most distinguished and consecrated sons of Mt. Zion, whose life was given to the service of God and the salvation of his fellow men; a man whose life was devoted to labor and to giving and not to taking and accumulating, whose talents were neither put out at usury for self-benefit, nor hidden in the ground, but were freely expended for the good of humanity; who devoted the best years of his life to the service of a people who had no claim upon him by reason of ties of blood and association; whose name is written upon that sacred scroll that contains only the names of those who loved supremely their fellowmen and in their lives reflected the spirit of the Master, whom they served in spirit and in truth.

The occasion was the celebration of the centennial of the birth of Dr. Wilson, who was born within a short distance of the church, March 25th, 1809, who died at the place of his birth in 1886, after a life of activity that took him to many lands, and whose body lies buried in the church yard. To do him honor the great congregation, numbering more than a thousand souls, had gathered not only from the immediate community, county and State, but from other States of the South and from the North.

The addresses that were delivered were notable contributions to the history of Presbyterianism, and while they are engraven upon the memories of the attentive hearers they should be recorded in permanent form for preservation for future generations.

A feature of the day was the open air dinner that was served a mid-day. Such bountiful provision had been made that the multitude was fed and there was left enough to have fed as many more. All arrangements had been made for the comfort and entertainment of visitors from a distance and the guests of a day were made to feel not only welcome, but that their coming was a favor to the hosts. The two hundred or more who went out from this city were met at the St. Charles depot and conveyed to the church and at the close of the services the same vehicles were waiting to transport them back to the station in ample time to catch the afternoon train. The programme, which is given herewith, gives an outline of the services, but the writer regrets greatly that space does not permit the reproduction of all of the addresses that were delivered.

Rev. James McDowell, D. D., presiding officer.

1. Devotional exercises.—Music: Hymn No. 585.

Scripture Reading: Rev. Prof. R. C. Reed, D. D.

Prayer—Rev. Prof. W. S. Bean, D. D.

Music—Hymn No. 587.

John Leighton Wilson—The Man, Rev. Hugh R. Murchison.

John Leighton Wilson—His Labors as Pioneer Missionary to West Africa, 1834-1853, and Missionary Secretary Presbyterian Board, U. S. A., 1852-1861. Rev. George Alexander, D. D., New York.

John Leighton Wilson—His Labors as Missionary Secretary, Executive Committee, Presbyterian Church, U. S., 1861-1886, Rev. Secretary S. H. Chester, D. D., Nashville. (Address prepared by Dr. Lilley.)

Music—Hymn No. 505.

RECESS 1:30 TO 3 P. M.

Music—Hymn No. 594.

John Leighton Wilson—The Fruitage of His Labors. Resume of the Foreign Mission Work Presbyterian Church, U. S., Rev. S. H. Chester, D. D.

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Address by Dr. John W. Bradley Medical Missionary to China.

A the Graves of Three Missionaries—Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Eckart. (Mrs. Wilson's Sister).

Song—From Greenland's Icy Mountains.

Benediction—Rev. W. A. Greeg.

POSTMASTER AT PEEDEE SHORT.

C. R. Moore Leaves for Paris Unknown While P. O. Inspector is at Work.

Marion, March 25.—Mr. C. R. Moore, postmaster at Pee-Dee Junction, this county was found short yesterday by a postoffice inspector, it is alleged, but before the examination of the office was completed he left for parts unknown, telling the inspector that he was going to Florence, about twelve miles away, to secure money to make good the shortage. He has not returned yet, and the inspector found when the examination was completed, that the shortage amounted to \$703.15. It is said that Mr. Moore left a note to his wife, which was found after he had gone, saying that it was said he was short, but that he was not, and told her that if they found his body to give it a decent burial at Centenary, his old home, below this city. His bondsmen are Messrs. O. D. Rogers and M. W. Owens, the amount of the bond being \$1,000.

Marion, March 26.—C. R. Moore, the postmaster who absconded from Pee Dee on account of a shortage in his office of \$703.15, was arrested at Pee Dee this morning by Deputy Marshal W. A. Wall. Moore came back to Pee Dee last night under the impression that since the money had been made good to the government he would not be arrested. This, however, was not the understanding of the postoffice inspectors and he was arrested and brought to Marion this morning. United States Commissioner W. F. Stackhouse bound him over for the next term of the United States court in Charleston. The bond was placed at \$2,000, but Moore was unable to give bond and he is now in jail here.

The entire matter was a great surprise to everybody here, where Moore was well known. He was a man with a family consisting of a wife and several children, and he conducted, in addition to the postoffice at Pee Dee, a store at the same place and a farm near Winona in Florence county.—The State.

GREELEYVILLE SUFFERS.

Town Hall and Several Other Buildings Torn to Splinters.

Greenville, March 25.—The town of Greenville was struck by a cyclone this morning at 4:15 a'clock. The damage will probably exceed \$10,000. The town hall, the negro Baptist and Methodist churches, the negro Odd Fellows hall, and the Greenville Brick Works were torn to splinters. There were several small negro cabins blown away or set off the blocks, and chimneys were blown down from several houses, but there were fortunately no lives lost. The path of the cyclone as it came through the woods was not over 50 feet wide, and in the path there was not a tree left standing.

SEVERE STORM SWEEPS STATE

Cyclone or Tornado Leaves Trail of Wreckage Behind It.

Charleston, March 26.—At an early hour yesterday morning a severe wind storm, accompanied by torrential rains, swept across several counties of the State, causing severe damage to buildings and fences, blowing down telegraph wires, and imperiling trains. So far as has been learned, the only loss of life occurred near Greenwood, where an old negro, who lived alone near the town, was killed. The storm appears to have been a small cyclone or tornado, its path being comparatively narrow, a swath not more than fifty feet wide being cut through the forest near Greenville, where considerable damage was done. The disturbance does not seem to have been sufficiently violent to wreck buildings of a very solid and substantial sort, and most of the houses destroyed were wooden structures.

WILL SPAN THE WATEREE.

Camden, March 25.—The county board of commissioners today awarded the contract for building a bridge over the Waterree river to the Penn Bridge Company, of Pennsylvania, for the sum of \$38,089. The work is to be begun at once and under the contract they will have until the first of November next to complete it, although they promise to complete it by the first of September. This bridge will be a free one, and will take the place of the toll bridge, which was washed away in the floods of last August. West Waterree is an important feeder to Camden, and the building of a free bridge means much to this community.

HELD FLORENCE SCORELESS.

SUMTER SCHOOL TEAM APPLIED WHITEWASH TO VISITORS.

In a Well Played Game the Little Game Cocks Shut Out Florence 13 To 0—The Features of the Game—Box Score.

The base ball team of the city school piled up a regular football score against the team of the Florence High School, defeating the visitors without effort by a score of 13 to 0.

In the opening inning, with second and third covered and with two down, Schwartz lined out a clean hit, scoring both runners, and, from that time on, there was never a doubt as to the ultimate result. The game was signed, sealed and delivered in the third inning, when the Game Cocks batted Timmons unmercifully. With all the sacks occupied, Schwartz was again "there" with the willow, a two base drive clearing the sacks. Then every man up got hits, including a three-bagger by Smith and a double by Dick, N., and when the scorer added up the run column, there were eight more to the credit of the locals.

Green pitched superbly for six innings, yielding only two scratch hits, and fielding his position splendidly. His curves broke beautifully. Smith went on the firing line in the seventh, and did equally as well as Green, only one infield hit being made off his delivery.

The entire Sumter team worked beautifully, especially the infield. Jones, Upshur, Schwartz and Duffie, pulled off some highly creditable plays. The box score tells the rest.

McNeill, the little Florence substitute, was the only man on his team whose work attracted attention. He is a good little hitter and a dangerous man on bases.

Florence	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Willis, c.	3	0	0	13	0	0
Bilrch, lf.	3	0	1	0	0	1
Timmons, p.	4	0	0	0	1	0
McGregor, ss.	3	0	1	4	2	1
Kilgo, lb.	4	0	0	6	0	1
Gillespie, 3b.	3	0	0	3	0	1
Commander, 2b.	4	0	0	1	3	0
Blunt, rf.	2	0	0	0	2	0
Howel, cf.	4	0	1	0	0	0
McNeill, lf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
	31	0	3	27	6	6

Sumter	AB.	R.	H.	PO.	A.	E.
Haynsworth, cf.	3	3	1	0	0	0
Jones, ss.	5	2	3	2	3	0
Duffie, lb.	5	1	3	8	1	1
Green, p.	5	1	0	2	3	0
Schwartz, 2b.	6	1	2	3	2	0
Smith, lf & p.	6	1	2	1	0	0
Dick, rf. & lf.	5	1	3	1	0	0
Upshur, 3b.	5	1	1	2	2	2
Marshall, c.	5	2	2	8	0	0
Dick, F. rf.	1	0	0	0	0	0
	46	13	17	27	11	3

SCORE BY INNINGS:

Sumter 2 0 8 0 1 0 1 0 1—13  
Florence 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0—0

Summary:  
Two base hits, Schwartz, Dick, N. (2); three base hits, Jones, Smith; base on balls: off Green two, off Smith one, off Timmons 4; Struck out by Green 5, by Smith 2, by Timmons 10; hits off Green 2, Smith 1, Timmons 17. Sacrifice hits, Birch, McNeill, Haynsworth 2, Duffie; batter hit Willis. Time of game 1:45; Umpire Miller, Scorer Levy.

THE TUBERCULOSIS FIGHT.

"Ninety-day" Campaign in Florida Concludes—Will Next be Prosecuted in Georgia.

Key West, Fla., March 25.—Yesterday witnessed the closing of the "90-day" campaign against tuberculosis in this State, and a similar campaign against this disease will begin in Georgia tomorrow, the initial movement to be inaugurated in Atlanta. The campaign just closed in Florida has been State-wide in its scope and has been prosecuted with unusual vigor by the health department. Florida Federation of Women's Clubs in cooperation with the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis, backed by medical societies, commercial bodies, by schools, churches, and the public press and public spirited citizens.

ORANGEBURG STRUCK BY STORM.

Buildings and Standing Timber Suffer Some Damage.

Orangeburg, March 26.—A severe wind storm, followed by a heavy rain and some hail, struck the city about 3 o'clock yesterday morning. News from different sections of the surrounding country indicates that considerable damage was done to buildings and standing timber. The concrete, tin roof barn of Mr. W. C. Wolfe, on West Railroad avenue, was damaged to the extent of about \$300, the roof—covering and rafters—being torn away.

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CAPT. CARTER ILL.

Former Army Officer Who Figured In Famous Trial Has Pneumonia.

Chicago, March 26.—Oberlin M. Carter, former captain of the United States army, is seriously ill of pneumonia at the home of a brother in this city. Carter recently contracted a severe cold, and symptoms of pneumonia developed soon after. Carter's trial several years ago on a charge of misappropriating government funds in connection with harbor work at Savannah, Ga., attracted national attention.

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Sumter Citizens Testify for the Public Benefit.

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