Van Deventer

NAME

Eld. Robert Van Deventer

Ancestry

New Jersey & Va.

Richmond Coll. & Carriage

Record

Elderton 1886-1888

Henderson 1886-1894

(Resident in Va.) Hawkinsville Co.

Burlington First, 1895-1896

See

Taylor’s Tax R. p 319

Directory Burlington First B/C. (P)
VanDeventer, Robert,

Two letters from Robert VanDeventer, Edenton, N.C., October 23 and November 2, 1883 relating to his acceptance of the pastorate at Cashie. (CR.5, Cashie Baptist Church Records, 1791-1925, Correspondence, 1883,.)
VanDeventer, Robert

B The Baptist church at Cashie. Photograph of 286.175616 Robert VanDeventer.

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Van Deventer, Robert

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Historical sketch. Photograph of Robert Van Deventer, p. 20.
Centennial Motto.

Michael Angelo wrote over the picture of a student, "Amplius."

Jesus stamped the work he committed to his disciples thus, when he said "Go ye into all the world." The church in Jerusalem said the gospel for "Jews only." Jesus said the gospel for the whole world.

The disciples from the foreign field (Cyprus and Cyrene) gave the church at Jerusalem the idea of enlargement. Under the impulse of this movement every Christian became a missionary, and during that century the gospel spread from Judea to the Tigress on the East, to the Adriatic Sea on the West, and from the Black Sea on the North to the Lybian desert on the South.

Carey wrote enlargement over the work of the churches a century ago. The influence of his work has gathered strength with the years, until there are now more than seven thousand missionaries, whose efforts are being supplemented by forty thousand native helpers, and this work is receiving the substantial help of $11,000,000 from the home churches to tell the story of enlargement.

With the close of the first century of modern missions we look with pleasure upon enlargement at home.

In America we have about 94,000 preachers of the gospel, 140,000 churches, with a membership of thirteen and a half millions, and possessing the magnificent sum of thirteen billions of dollars.

From these churches, and from this army of preachers, will come missionaries to occupy the field as the Lord shall enlarge the work.

From this full treasury will come money to meet the demands for the enlargement.

How can this be done? Co-operation and organization is the answer.

WORK FOR ALL.

Let us aid the efforts of our Board of Missions to meet present and future demands.

Let us encourage the Centennial Committee and the State Committees by working up the interest in our church.

Let each one give what he can, constrained by the love of our Lord Jesus, to the work.

WORK FOR THE WOMEN.

God has owned and signally blessed their efforts. Their self-denial, consecration and devotion to this and every good work have contributed much in bringing the Centennial work so prominently before the churches.

Let some active women in each church second the efforts being made to get a contribution from each sister. There is great necessity which should bestir every Christian woman.

WORK FOR THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

This is a great evangelizing agency. One hundred thousand young people come into the churches each year, and most of them through the Sunday-school. Why may we not use this arm of the church for the furtherance of the Centennial work?

No person can do more toward getting the Sunday-school in line for work than the superintendent. An earnest effort on his part will place many dollars in the treasury, which will result under the blessing of God in the salvation of many souls.

Dear church member, the success of this work is with you. Will you not improve this opportunity of a lifetime.

"We are not divided, all one body we."

R. VanDeventer.

Henderson, Jan. 20, 1893.
THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BURLINGTON: A Centennial History (286.175658/B63f)

This book was compiled to record church minutes, history written by the members of the church in the years to come. My information.

Don Bolden

FIRST BAPTIST PASTORS

Albert Thompson Hord
Born
July 29, 1852
at Double Shoals, N. C.
Died
October 1, 1922
Buried at Cleveland, N. C.
Pastor
1887-1889

Thomas Hume
Born
October 21, 1836
in Portsmouth, Virginia
Died
July 15, 1912
Buried in Waynesboro, Virginia.
Pastor
1889-1890

James Brantley Richardson
Born
June 16, 1839
in Moore County, N. C.
Died
September 7, 1912
in High Point, N. C.
Pastor
1890-1892

John Caswell Hocutt
Born
November 7, 1849
in Johnston County, N. C.
Died
August 4, 1912
in Graham, N. C.
Pastor
1893-1894

Robert Van Deventer
Born
August 8, 1857
in South River, New Jersey
Died
June 19, 1934
Buried in Edenton, N. C.
Pastor
1895-1896

Julius S. Corpening
Born
January 5, 1869
in Burke County, N. C.
Died
June 11, 1944
in Lancaster, S. C.
Pastor
1897-1898
CROZER THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY - Biographical Catalog, 1933.

Alphabetic Catalog

Cambridge Springs, Pa., 91-05, 18-20;
Barnesboro 05-06; Brookville 06-07;
Painted Post, N. Y., 07-08; Corning
08-10; Sykesville, Pa., 10-14; Beaver
Falls 14-18; Wayne, N. Y., 21-22;
Waverly, Va., 22-23; Farnham, Va.,
23-; wrote articles for papers and
two pamphlets; address: Farnham,
Va.

UNDERWOOD, Neslie Vincent; b.
Venice, Ill., Nov. 18, 1901; 2½ yrs.
High Sch.; Crozer T. S. 22-23, 26-27;
lived Jefferson City, Tenn.; no fur-
ther data.

UPDIKE, Orlando Templeman;
from Washington, D. C., b. 1869; Cro-
zer T. S. 02-04; lived Barcroft, Va.; 99-01;
ord. Sept. 30, 02, First ch., Ambler,
Pa., 98-08; Bedford, Ind.; pas. Pembroke,
Ga., 27-; sup. pas. Washington, D. C.

VAN BLUNK, Joseph Milligan
Smith; b. Philadelphia, Pa., July 24,
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1 yr. Yale U.; miss. to Africa before
coming to Crozer T. S.; Crozer T. S.
05-06; C. E. C. cer. June 2, 1925;
ord. Feb. 25, 97, Wilmington, Del.;
pas. M. E. chs. Kingswood and As-
bury, Wilmington, Del.; Charlestown,
Md.; Quantoic 16-25; C. E. C. cer.;
d. Nov. 29, 25, Peninsula General
Hospital, Salisbury, Md.; buried Cam-
den, N. J.

VANDER ROEST, William; b. New
York City, May 31, 1867; grad. 82,
Grinnell Coll.; crozer T. S. 86-87;
lic. Jan., 1888, First ch., Mt. Vernon,
N. Y.; pas. Tremont ch., New York
City, summer 97; Peddie Mem.,
Newark, N. J., 02-03; eng. in bus.;
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Gloversville, N. Y., April 14, 1862;
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zer T. S. 76-77; lived Barcroft, Va.; 99-01;
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Va., 22-23: Second ch.

VAN ARTSDALEN, George Clayton;
b. Iyndal, Pa., March 3, 1898; grad.
19, High Sch., Hatboro, Penna.; Col-
gate U. 19-20; dipl. 23, Crozer T. S.;
lic. 1919, ord. 23, Doylestown, Pa.;
memb. Masons; pas. Calvary ch.,
Reading, Pa., 21-22; Valley Forge,
Pa., 22-23; Second ch., Newark, O.,
23-24; First ch., Pomeroy, O., 24-25;
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Connellsville, Ohio, 25-; address:
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VAN NIEUWENHUIZE
Dordrecht, Holland, immig. May, 1913; grad.
High Sch.; Crozer T. S. 13-14; First ch., Hudson,
Mansfield, Pa.; with Victor
ch., Camden, N. J.; further data.

VAN TOOR, William H.
Stadt van Tiel, Holland, immig. March, 1867;
85; English and Classi-
lemsion, Pa., 87-89; 89;
Crozer T. S. 89-91;
ch., Phila., 91-93; Full
93-95; Phillipsburg, 95
98-00; Hilltown 00-06;
06-14; Olney, Phila.,
Heights, Camden, N. J.;
commercials with prea-
Safety Dep., Vault, G. and Trust Co., Phila.;
d. 2504 N. 16th

van TRUEREN, George
Dam, Holland, Dec.
for Christian Instu-
Botany Sch., Clifton, Moody Bible Inst.;
27; ord. March 28,
Passaic, N. J.; evang.
, Passaic, 11-25;
Park ch., Paterson;
7th St., Prospect Park

vAn ZANT, William
64, A.M. 67, Theol. De-
U.; also M.D.; d.

VAUGHAN, Elmer El-
delphia, Pa., June 16, 18,
High Sch., Phila.; dir.
S.; lic. Sept., 22, 06;
Lansdale, Pa.; struct.
ys.; pas. Cedarville-
Lehigh Ave, Phila.,
dress: 2952 N. 12th 

VAUGHN, Thomas Je-
ger, Wales, Nov. 3, 18
25, 69; Night Scho-
ce course; four
Training course: G.
18; memb. Mas-06;
Knights of Malta; ord.
April 15, 1895, Carl-
an Elder, April 22, 06;
pas. Thornhurst, Pa.
Center 96-98; Mapt.
Middlefield, N. Y.,
Cent 05-06; Oak
Glenlynn 08-12; Tho-
16-17; Uniona
How We Received Our Bible

By W. M. Jones

(Note—A Sunday School teacher recently remarked: "In my preparation of the lesson I see frequent references to the different versions and translations of the New Testament. I do not understand what is meant." Perhaps others might also desire this information.)

SOMETIMES we receive a letter from a friend written by his stenographer. At the bottom of the letter we find the initials of the writer and those of the stenographer. As we read the letter we know that it brings to us the mind and message of our friend, but at the same time it is brought through the medium of the stenographer who may make minor errors and displacements. The Bible is God's mind expressed to men through, and subject to the human frailties of those, who from time to time God has chosen to write His messages. One might ask, why it is that since the Bible is unique as God's message, should it not be preserved immaculately? The answer to this is that the varied revisions and translations have so freed it from human errors until we are convinced that it is the perfectly transmitted message of God to man.

Around the Bible teachings have grown up a wealth of religious literature whose aim is to assist men in becoming more truly the children of God. Yet no one would think of putting Bunyan's Pilgrims Progress on the same level as the Bible. In many of the larger Bibles we find between the Old and New Testaments what are known as the apocryphal books. When we come to the church in post-apostolic times we also find a large number of apocryphal letters and gospels whose aim is to develop and strengthen the Christian life and teaching, but which are not regarded as having the dignity of the inspired Word of God. Now what is the test for the rejection of some documents and the acceptance of others? The test for the books of the Old Testament is that we accept as the inspired Word of God those books which Christ quoted as God's Word to man. When we come to the books of the New Testament we accept those books which were universally accepted by the early churches and their leaders as the inspired Word of God. That which we hold today as the inspired Word of God has always and everywhere been received as such.

In coming to us, the Bible has made a long and perilous journey through the ages and suffered many things. Books, multiplied only after printing by movable type was invented by Gutenberg a little over four hundred years ago. Ancient Babylonians secured permanent records by baking the clay tablets on which their records were written. With the exception of parchment, the materials on which the New Testament records were written were highly perishable, and in fact did perish in a short time. In the New Testament churches more reliance seems to have been placed upon the accuracy of oral traditions of the essence of the gospel message than on their being put into written records. Paul charges Timothy to guard faithfully the securities entrusted to him and to commit the same to faithful men. A modern parallel is found in the oral traditions of Freemasonry, which as every Mason knows varies slightly in each Masonic jurisdiction. Moreover in their frequent wars civilizations were often completely uprooted and the people sold into distant slavery. When we read ancient history we see that only the protecting hand of God preserved for us any Scripture records of those ages.

In ancient days books were exceeding scarce and priceless. If we imagine something like a modern schoolroom in which the pupils at their desks are writing down the lesson assigned by the teacher who reads it aloud, we will have some idea of the ancient workshop in which books were created. Each scribe with blank writing materials before him, and with pen in hand, wrote down what the reader read from his authorized parchment. Carelessness, indifference, poor hearing or handwriting on the part of any scribe would result in his copy being defective in minor points. In this manner all books, the New Testament included, were produced until printing was developed. Yet so great was the need for the written page, until great libraries were founded in the ancient cities of Alexandria, Babylon, and what is now Constantinople. Here were preserved the classics of that day.

Bible Versions

While Bible scholars believe there

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OUR GREAT INSTITUTION
AT NEW ORLEANS, LA.

Mrs. Hight C. Moore, Nashville, Tenn.

I am so glad to know the Baptist Bible Institute is to be brought to our especial attention during the month of July. Trained workers are sorely needed, and I trust many of our young people may come to realize the wonderful opportunities offered by this great institution.

To come within the scope of its influence is a blessing, indeed. In scholarship, in consecration to our great cause and task, in practical application of mission work, in rich, full Christian life in practice as well as precept, one could not find superior advantages anywhere.

The B. B. I. is truly a spiritual dynamo, and our denominational life will be strengthened to the extent that its power can be generated into the lives of our young people. The Lord has shown His favor in protecting our institute, and all of us are praying that our people may earnestly rally to its support.

REV. ROBERT J. VAN DEVENTER
1857-1934
See Editorial Pages

REV. W. J. STOCKTON
1857-1934
See Editorial Pages
DR. ROBERT VAN DEVENTER

In the passing of the Rev. Robert Van Deventer, D. D., pastor Pembroke Baptist Church, June 19, at his home, 416 East Fortieth Street, Savannah, the Baptist Brotherhood of Georgia and the South have lost one of their most able and valuable leaders.

Dr. Van Deventer would have been an ordained minister fifty-six years had he lived until August 8. He was born August 8, 1857, in Virginia, Isle Wight county, where he joined the Baptist Church, at the age of eleven, at Smithfield. At seventeen, he was licensed to preach by the Freemason Church, in Norfolk. His first pastorate was at Barkeley, Virginia. He was but twenty years old when he accepted this work, but success attended his youthful efforts. Later he served at Burlington, Henderson and Jackson, North Carolina, where, under his leadership, three new meeting-houses were erected. He was called to the Duffy Street Baptist Church, Savannah, from the First Church, Hawkinsville, in 1900, where he was the beloved pastor for eight years. While at Duffy Street, he built the Bull Street Church, Savannah, he so endeared himself to the congregation that, when the new Bull Street meeting-house was built, the church provided a study in the new meeting-house for him as long as he should live. From Duffy Street Church, he was called to the First Church, Jackson, Georgia, where he served sixteen years. While pastor at Jackson, Dr. Van Deventer took a period of rest necessitated by failing health, serving the Pembroke Church occasionally as supply. In 1928 he accepted a call extended to him by this church to become their permanent pastor, a field he occupied to the day of his passing.

Dr. Van Deventer was a constructive pastor. He was one of the leaders in the movement to build up the Baptist Young People's work in the South. Under his leadership, Duffy Street Church, Savannah won the International Banner for the best B. Y. P. U. in the World and held it for four years. While pastor in Jackson, he began and fostered the Boy Scout Movement there, being its leader, and, when the church built its present house of worship, under his leadership, provision was made for a swimming pool in its basement—one of the first to be provided by a church in the South.

Dr. Van Deventer was an active and beloved denominational leader, having the confidence of all who knew him. He was a scholarly preacher and a Christian gentleman of the highest type. In Savannah, where the latter part of his life was spent, he was held in high esteem by all who knew him, and his home-going is deeply regretted. He was buried in Edenton, North Carolina, by the side of his wife, who preceded him to her reward by several years.

MEN AND MATTERS

Pastor Clifford Walker, of the Zebulon Church, preached at Central Church, Gainesville, Sunday, June 17.

Dr. P. I. Lipsey recently completed twenty-two years as editor of the Baptist Record, organ of Mississippi Baptists.

Dr. K. O. White, of Louisville, Kentucky, filled the pulpit of Central Church, Gainesville, Dr. W. A. Keel, pastor, Sunday, June 24.

Dr. A. U. Boone, of Oklahoma, will supply the pulpit of First Church, Montgomery, Alabama, while Pastor John Inzer is making a tour of Southern Baptist mission fields in foreign lands. Dr. Inzer will leave on August 18.

The Rev. I. R. Walker is available to pastors of churches for summer meetings. He may be reached at Tallapoosa, Georgia.

Dr. T. W. Tippett, of Prince Avenue Church, will begin meetings July 15, at the Bowman Church, Rev. A. W. Bussey, pastor.

Dr. W. Raleigh White, pastor of First Church, is broadcasting at eleven A. M. Central Standard over WGPC, on Sundays during July.

Dr. W. A. Keel, pastor Central Church, Gainesville, will supply the pulpit of First Church, Mansfield, Lo on June 24, and the pulpit of First Church, Macon.

The Rev. L. Bert Joyner, pastor First Church, Wales, Florida, will visit Pulaski, Georgia, July 5, and August 3, and will be available as a supply Sunday, July 22 and 29.

Revival meetings were recently held at First Church, the Rev. D. T. Buice, pastor. Pastor E. P. Williams, of Lawrenceville, did the preaching. There were additions to the church membership, twelve of whom were for baptism.

The Rev. Ray Smith, of Greenville, Florida, preached in protracted meetings at Morven, the Rev. R. O. Martin, pastor, in which Professor W. E. of Morven, directed the music. Mr. Smith commends Moore to pastors and churches as a gifted and experienced song leader.

The Rev. Harry McCormick Lintz, former pastor of First Church, of Greeneville, Tennessee, just closed a successful meeting in the First Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana. Dr. R. L. Baker, the pastor, writes, "the most successful meeting ever held in this church and the best of my knowledge."

The Executive Committee of the Atlanta Associated Baptist Churches has last succeeded in placing a church lot in the Emory University section. This is the intersection of Clifton and Oxford Road, and is situated about one block from the entrance of the University. Plans for the erection of a meeting in the near future are under way.

The Rev. Henry Ayers, seventy-three years, a widely-known Baptist minister, and a resident section for fifty years, died at his home at Moulton, Thursday, July 5. He was a graduate of Furman University, Mercer University and of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky. He is survived by a daughter and three sons. The Index extends sympathy to the bereaved.

The fifty-sixth annual session of the Sunday School Convention of the Sarepta Association will be held July 17, at Black's Creek Church. Those taking on the program are: Miss Azalee Hix, pianist; Mr. W. H. Phillips, song leader; the Rev. Granville Comer; Mr. H. E. Williams, member Black's Church; Mr. H. W. Amason, of the Lexington A. C. O. Judge W. W. Armstead, Crawford Church; Mr. E. M. Bellamy, of Lawrenceville; Mr. L. E. Maysville; Mr. G. W. Robinson, Athens; Mr. T. B. Kinny, Lexington; Mr. T. S. Cunningham, Vestal; Mr. Lighty, Comer; Pastor W. G. Veal, Vestal Church; Mr. A. C. Smith, Madison Street Church, Athens; Mr. C. Nix, First Church, Athens; Pastor C. C. Tocock Church, Commerce; Mr. P. D. Howington and Miss Howington, Commerce.
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ROBERT VAN DEVENTER.

This earnest and efficient minister of Christ was born in New Jersey and grew to early manhood in Smithfield, Virginia. He was converted and joined the church at the age of eleven, being baptized into the fellowship of Smithfield Church by Rev. J. W. Ward.

At the age of sixteen he entered Richmond College and remained there two years and then went to Crozer Seminary. Later he studied at Chicago University. Mr. Van Deventer has been an earnest student all his ministerial life, and his mind is richly stored with useful knowledge.

He has been in the active ministry about forty-three years, having been ordained at Smithfield, Virginia, in 1878. His first pastorate was Berkley Avenue Church, Berkley, Virginia, from 1878-1880. He then went to Edenton, North Carolina, and labored there most successfully from 1880 to 1886. Having accepted a call to the Baptist Church in Henderson, North Carolina, he began his pastoral labors there in May, 1886, and continued until 1894, when he went to Hawkinsville, Georgia. After remaining there several years he became pastor of one of the churches in Savannah, Georgia, where he labored for a number of years and then assumed the pastoral charge of the church in Jackson, Georgia, where he is still (1921) the highly esteemed and very efficient pastor.

Mr. Van Deventer has always been in hearty cooperation with the organized work of the denomination. He has been remarkably successful in organizing the young people of the churches and in leading them into active Christian service. The eight years of his Henderson pastorate cover one of the best periods in the history of the church.

Some years ago Mercer University conferred on Mr. Van Deventer the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity, which he richly deserved and wears with Christian meekness and becoming dignity.

from A History of the Tar River Baptist Association 1830-1921 by Thomas J. Taylor, pp. 319-320