

POWERFUL SERMON AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN

Dr. A. D. Wauchope Delivers
Message on "The Value of
the Blood." Large Audience
Impressed.

The sacrifices of the Old Testament were compared to the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on Calvary in a sermon entitled "The Value of the Blood," Dr. A. D. Wauchope delivered last night at the First Presbyterian church. This sermon, a Georgia synodical evangelist declared by many to be the best he has delivered here.

Taking as text from Hebrews 9:14. "How much more shall the blood of Christ avail," he said in part:

From the time of Adam and Eve's expulsion from the Garden of Eden, God has been trying to show to the human race that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.

In the Old Testament dispensation the Christian church millions of sacrifices were offered of men and beasts. And in Leviticus 17:11 he explained why the blood must be shed. He says, "The guilty life must be forfeited." And since the blood of the blood the blood of innocent beasts and birds must be shed to make atonement.

It is true, as the writer of Hebrews says that the blood of bulls and goats could not take away sins, but those who obeyed God's law had to offer these bloody sacrifices and their faith in the necessity of the atonement which was later to be made by the Lamb of God, a perfect way to be shed effluently and sufficiently to save the lost human race. Christ said, "Abraham rejoiced to see my day, and he saw it and was glad."

The enormous extent of the im-

agination and hearts of the people of those days is seen in the occasion of the dedication of Solomon's temple. During that great week the enormous number of twenty-two thousand oxen and one hundred and twenty thousand sheep was slain. Many altars must have been busy from early morning till late at night. The awful stench of blood was everywhere, representing the pollution of man's sin. The blood literally covered the mountain and ran down its sides. The priests and levites were bloody from head to foot. So this great fact was burned into the hearts and con-

pres. n text was made upon the science of the people."