

## **PONCE DE LEON AVENUE METHODIST CHURCH WILL OPEN DOORS TOMORROW**

The congregation of the Ponce de Leon Avenue Methodist Episcopal church, corner Piedmont avenue, will meet in its new auditorium tomorrow morning for the first time.

Services will be held at 11 a. m. and 4:30 p. m., with Sunday school at 10 a. m. The morning sermon will be delivered by Bishop Frederick DeLand Leete of this city. At the afternoon vesper service the preacher will be Rev. J. M. Melear, D. D., editor of The Advocate Journal, Athens, Tenn. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Elder, will preside at both services and will be assisted by the district superintendent, E. J. Hammond, D. D., and by Rev. E. E. Cavaleri.

It is now about a year since the congregation of this church began holding its afternoon services in the house at the corner of Ponce de Leon and Piedmont, now moved to the Piedmont side of the lot and occupied as a parsonage. The new church which is now completed, save for pews and radiators, delayed in the freight, has been built by local labor, and from supplies purchased of firms in the vicinity. The architect is Charles H. Hopson, of Atlanta. The brick came from Rome, Ga. The pews are from Tennessee. Much favorable comment has been made not only upon the unique and beautiful Gothic lines of this church, which is a distinct addition to the public buildings of the city, but upon the exceptionally fine windows. These chaste and exquisitely harmonious productions were made in Atlanta, where most of the other accessories of the building were secured. The superintendent of construction is J. N. Hoagland of this city, and a member of the Ponce de Leon Avenue church.

Arrangements have been made for temporary seating for Sunday's services. It was felt that the congregation would prefer to keep the opening date as originally set, even at the price of meeting in a church whose furnishings have been partially delayed, and will have to be fully completed later.

Hereafter regular services will be held at 11 and 4:30, the vesper service at the latter hour having proved to be an attractive feature of the church life. The pastor, Rev. J. H. Elder, who came to his present work after several successful pastorates in Florida, expresses himself as being gratified by the progress which the church building enterprise has made, and with the outlook for the society.