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**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

ANNUAL UNION MEETING OF THE BIBLE SOCIETY.

"THE WORD IS THE SEED."

That was the Subject of Rev. N. H. D. Wilson's Sermon—Dr. Battle's Bible Class—Politics Getting Interesting.

Chapel Hill, N. C., April 26.—(Special.)—Last night there was a town meeting of the citizens of Chapel Hill held to discuss the possibilities of establishing graded schools for both races. The meeting was well attended and was addressed by President Alderman, Dr. Venable, Prof. Collier Cobb and Prof. William Pearson (colored), principal of the Durham Graded School.

It was clearly shown by Prof. Cobb and Dr. Alderman that a 25 cent tax on the \$100 would give sufficient income to establish 8 month schools, one for whites and one for the colored, each to have four teachers.

Prof. Pearson spoke at length showing to the colored men the great advantages to be gained by their race. He is a strong supporter and doubtless did great good here.

After these speeches Dr. Venable, in his public spirited way, came forward and said that it had been shown clearly that the deficit could not be more than \$65, and he would agree to pay \$25 or more of this amount if necessary to make up the deficit. Dr. Alderman followed this with a few words pledging himself for the same amount and Prof. Cobb did the same.

The relation of the University to the great public school system is so near it has seemed strange that in this town where of all others there should be public schools of the first class that the town should have been without them. This act will bring many desirable families to Chapel Hill.

The speeches of Dr. Alderman, Prof. Cobb and Dr. Venable plainly showed the value of the schools by the deep interest which they manifested. The school is now an assured success. It will be settled finally at the polls on Monday next.

The white people and better class of colored people are working hard to see Barbee mayor for another term. He has been the best mayor Chapel Hill has ever had.

**THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY.**

Mr. E. J. Wood read an interesting and instructive paper on the history of the Lower Cape Fear at the meeting of the Historical Society.

He was followed by Mr. J. G. McCormick with a short but very valuable sketch of several members of the convention of 1861, being part of his sketches of the entire membership of that body. They were: W. W. Woodfin, General Bryan Grimes, Governor D. S. Reid, Lieut. A. H. Merritt, Hon. John Manning, Hon. K. Rayner, Hon. Wm. S. Ashe, Hon. Bedford Brown, Hon. C. R. Thomas, and Hon. John Hill, of Stokes.

Dr. Battle gave a sketch in detail of the selection of the site of the University, of the various competing points, of its appearance a hundred years ago, together with short histories of the commissioners of location and of the donors of the land. Among other things he made this interesting statement: "James Craig lived in the house still occupied by one of his grandchildren, then separated from the village by a wide forest. \* \* \* I heard President Andrew Johnson, in a speech delivered from President Swain's front steps, tell how, when on his way to seek his fortune in Tennessee, having walked from Raleigh, penniless and weary, he begged for a supper and night's lodging at James Craig's. With softened voice he spoke of the cordiality with which he was received, and how after abundant meals and a good night's rest, he was cheered on his lonely journey by kind words and a full supply of food in his pockets." There were many other reminiscences of old times, but the reading was cut short by the expiration of the hour.

**BIBLE SOCIETY MEETING.**

Pursuant to notice an interesting union meeting was held in the Presbyterian church here last Sunday evening, the occasion being the anniversary of the Chapel Hill Auxiliary of the American Bible Society. An interesting sermon was preached by Rev. N. H. D. Wilson, pastor of the Methodist church, to a large and appreciative audience, his text being, "The Word is the Seed."

Immediately following the sermon, the Society was called to order by the President, Prof. K. P. Harrington. After a few well-timed remarks from the president, a call was made for the report of the Secretary and Treasurer, A. S. Barbee responded with a very elaborate report of the operations of the Society during the past year, in connection with which he gave a wonderfully exhaustive outline of figures, facts and thoughts covering the introduction of the Bible in the United States—the organization of Bible societies, and the work done by these societies, dealing, however, principally with the operations of the American Bible Society, and closing with an earnest and pressing appeal for contributions to the Society's funds. The appeal touched not only the heart, but the pocket-book of many present, and resulted in a handsome contribution, which, under the direction of the Executive committee, will go forward for the furtherance of the beneficial and strictly undenominational work of the parent society.

An election of officers for the ensuing year was had, which resulted in the unanimous re-election of the officers of the past year. This society has distributed many volumes of the Bible throughout this section, some of which may now be found in homes that have been without a Bible many years, indeed, in some that have never had one.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH ELECTION.**

There was a meeting of the Parish of Chapel Hill in the Episcopal church here

on Sunday last and the following delegates to the Episcopal State convention were elected: Dr. John Manning, Dr. K. P. Battle, Dr. Charles Baskerville, Mr. R. S. McRae, with Prof. Samuel May as alternate. Dr. Manning will leave, as soon as he is able to stand the trip, for Chase City, Va., so Mr. May will serve in the vacancy thus caused.

At a meeting of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew Mr. Francis Osborne, Mr. Hal Anderson, Mr. T. A. Cheatham and Mr. Adlai Osborne were elected delegates to the Brotherhood meeting in Raleigh on Friday, the 14th of May. The Episcopal convention will begin on Wednesday, the 12th, lasting until Sunday night, the 16th.

Sometime ago I noticed in the News and Observer a statement from a minister of Eastern North Carolina which spoke of the absence of Bibles in the University. That this statement may not gain for its author any reputation for veracity I make note of the fact that for years past it has been a custom in the University to have an hour's lecture on characters of the Old Testament by Dr. Battle every Sunday morning, and a Bible has always been on the reading desk in the chapel, where it is read every morning before the entire student body.

Dr. K. P. Battle has consented to deliver the annual address at the closing exercises at Raroban Academy, Robeson county, on May 21st.

Dr. Alderman's addresses in South Carolina and Milwaukee are the only ones he has thus far given out for publication.

**INSURANCE IN NORTH CAROLINA AND VIRGINIA.**

April 22, 1897.

To the Editor: The Insurance Act passed by the last Legislature is a question which deeply concerns the people of North Carolina. The bill is a just one, and it is clear to the minds of all conservative and fair-minded men of North Carolina. Why should the citizens of North Carolina pay 1 1/2 per cent when the people of the valley of Virginia pay 50 cents, and the citizens of Halifax county, Virginia, 1 per cent? The purport and the intention of the bill was to give the people of North Carolina as liberal and as fair rates as the State of Virginia.

Those living in the inland sections of North Carolina did not know of the discrimination against them. They can readily see it now, and will rise up to a man and ask why they should be charged a hundred per cent more than certain sections of Virginia?

Our people of the cities and towns should investigate these matters, and have committees to do it, and ask the companies to treat them with the proper justice and consideration. One man pays \$30.00 on a dwelling for five years; he lives in Virginia. In a few hundred yards, his North Carolina neighbor pays \$45.00 for five years—50 per cent more on the same condition, same class of property.

But few of the farmers look into these questions. Those who do, and who proceed with the facts and take an earnest stand for justice, usually get it.

Let the insurance companies and the people take a conservative and righteous view of this question. This is a stringent time upon our people, and they need relief from every source of these extra burdens.

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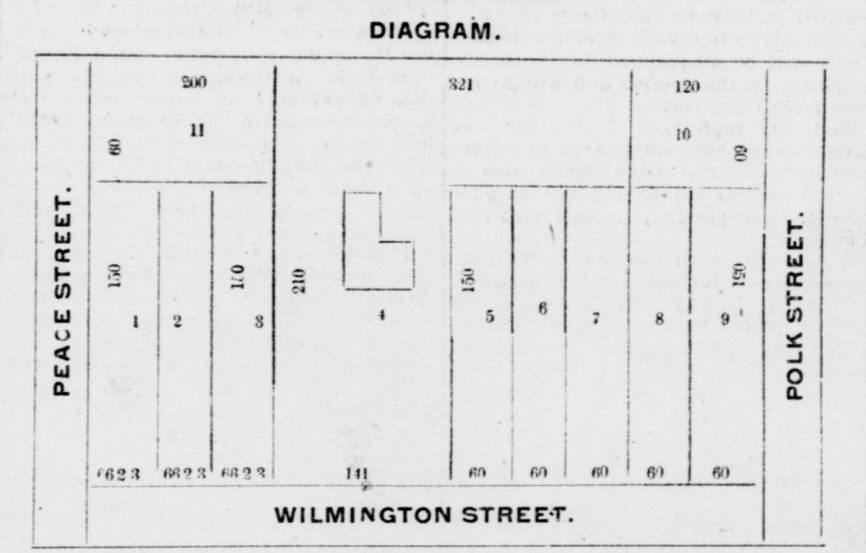
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