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M. P. CONFERENCE IN SESSION.

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conference, after which the election of officers for the ensuing year was taken up. The election resulted in the following: Rev. C. A. Cecil, of High Point, President; Rev. N. G. Bethea, of Henderson, Secretary. The election of Stationing Committee was next in order, and the following were elected: As Minister, Rev. T. M. Johnson, of Julian; as Layman, Mr. A. W. Hanner, of Winston-Salem. The remainder of the afternoon was devoted to committee work.

EVENING SESSION.

The evening session was opened at 7:30 o'clock, Rev. C. W. Bates, pastor of the local church, presiding. In his opening remarks, Rev. Mr. Bates spoke of the erection of the church during the year, and extended a most hearty welcome to the members of the conference on behalf of the church.

Judge P. C. Cooke, of Asheville, appearing for the mayor was introduced to the large audience that had assembled in the spacious auditorium of the church, and delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the City of Asheville. His address was one of the finest ever heard in this city, delivery in the most pleasing and eloquent manner. He told the audience of the great advantages and wonderful possibilities of the Gem City, located among the rising peaks and beautiful hills of western North Carolina. The address was full of the richest and most inspiring sentences that can be framed by the literary genius of man. His address was responded to by Rev. Geo. W. Holmes, of Saxapahaw, N. C., who assured the Judge and the people of Asheville that the members of conference highly appreciated the warm welcome accorded.

The remainder of the evening session was devoted to the Conference Brotherhood. This is a beneficiary organization composed of ministers and laymen of the conference. Rev. S. W. Taylor, of Winston-Salem, delivered a short address on the Brotherhood, followed by Rev. J. H. Moton, President of the Brotherhood, and others, who spoke briefly in the interest of the organization. Resolutions providing for the establishment of a sick benefit fund were presented and adopted, after which the session of the conference was formally adjourned.

THURSDAY MORNING SESSION.

The conference met at 9:30 a. m., with President Cecil in the chair. The devotional service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Pritchard. The Minutes of the preceding day were read, corrected and adopted. The most of the morning session was devoted to the discussion of detail work and plans to be carried in the future time during the conference.

At eleven o'clock the hour for the order of the day having arrived, the Superannate Fund Society convened, with Rev. T. M. Johnson, chairman, presiding. Revs. J. H. Moton, A. G. Dixon, and Dr. F. G. Klein, of Baltimore, Md., were the speakers and paid glowing tributes to the old ministers. Returns will no doubt show that a large increased contribution for this cause this year, and plans were laid to make it even larger for next year. The conference adjourned at 12 M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The conference was called to order by the President, Rev. C. A. Cecil, at 2:00 o'clock. The Nominating Committee, which was elected to prepare a list of the various standing committees and members of different boards, made its report. The report was adopted by the conference. Pastors made individual reports. Conference adjourned at 3 o'clock and the remainder of the afternoon was consumed in committee work.

The evening session will be called at 7:30, and will be known as Children's Home Rally Night. Mr. T. A. Hunter, of Greensboro, will be the presiding officer. The hour will be devoted to reports and talks regarding the Home.

The conference has been well attended so far. At times men had to stand because of the seating capacity of the church being overtaxed.

Members of the conference have continued to arrive during the past two days, and all who were expected have doubtless arrived. Rev. F. G. Klein, D. D., Sec.-Treas., of the Board of Foreign Missions, of Baltimore, Md., and Mr. Charles Reiner, representing the Baltimore publishing and book concern, have also arrived. Other prominent ministers and general agents are expected to be in attendance. These distinguished visitors will be given a place on the conference program to discuss the interest they represent.

THE M. P. CONFERENCE.

Asheville, Nov. 23.—There was a considerably difference in the afternoon and morning session. In the morning everything tense. There were matters of importance that were handled, but there were numerous calls for the question at different times. Every one seemed to be afraid that too much time would be taken. Some members of the conference sat with hat and overcoat in hand, ready to start to the train if the conference should adjourn, but with all the intense anxiety it was seen that it would be impossible to adjourn in time for members of the conference to make the midday trains. Finally after deferring the hour for adjournment for thirty minutes, it was decided to have an afternoon session. At the afternoon session the conference took an entirely different attitude. It seemed that there was plenty of time. Many speeches were made on the various questions that were before the conference. In case of a question that was not debatable, many speeches were allowed. The question that caused the most heated discussion, perhaps, was a set of resolutions that meant the restriction of pastors doing work aside from the regular pastoral work. This question was discussed until it drifted into the thought of the pastor's pay. Some very strong speeches were made, some pointing out how little pastors receive for their work, others emphasizing the belief that if pastors would go preach the gospel without fear their needs would be supplied and they would be able to pay the debts made for living and for education. Finally the committee that is considered the most important of the conference announced that it was ready. This was the stationing committee. This committee was composed of Rev. T. M. Johnson, D. D., and Mr. O. W. Hanner, of Winston-Salem. Both of these gentlemen have at different times served on this committee. When the committee announced that it was ready to report, the conference began to show itself to be in a hurry to close up matters and get everything else out of the way. Dr. Johnson then took the rostrum and made some preliminary remarks. The remarks were not in the form of criticism but rather an accommodation to the conference, especially the laymen that have assisted the committee in adjusting the matters, enabling them to make the report they were about to render. He made some timely suggestions that if taken will serve to facilitate matters in the future and will be of great good to the conference. After Dr. Johnson's remarks were over, Mr. Hanner took the platform to read the report. While Mr. Hanner is a very influential member of the conference, this was perhaps the first time that he had occupied the floor as a speaker.

er. He had devoted the entire time of the conference to the work of this committee. The report was then read that showed that every field in the conference was supplied. Evidently it was very satisfactory as there was not a single case of appeal. It will be remembered that in the M. P. Church either a layman or a minister may appeal from the stationing committee's report. There is provided a committee of appeal to which all matters of appeal must be taken for reconsideration and after it turned to the conference, but in this case there was no need for this committee. After the committee read its report a nominating committee reported and nominated members of the Board of Church Extension. This is a very important board as it has to do with handling the funds that help to build churches in the State, and contribute in many instances to the support of pastors on fields where there is not given a sufficient support. The election of this board is always left until after the report of the stationing committee is read in order to elect members that are geographically located, so that it would be easy for frequent meetings of this board in the interim of conference. The members of this board were elected as follows: R. M. Andrews, W. E. Swain, A. J. Dixon, J. Norman Willis, R. H. Brooks, R. H. Shaw, C. A. Cecil, ex-officio. At this juncture there seemed to be nothing further to do but to adjourn. Everybody was anxious to go. The benediction was pronounced by R. C. Stubbins. This is considered a strong conference and noted for its harmony. The next conference will convene Nov. 17, 1915 in the City of Greensboro. Greensboro has at different times entertained the conference and everybody knows that it means a hospitable entertainment when their conference goes to the Gate City. The conference adopted a resolution expressing its gratitude to the Asheville church and its pastor, the good people who had kindly entertained the conference and the secular press which had so readily published the proceedings of the conference. This was emphasized in a very impressive manner by the conference rising and with bowed heads invoked the blessings of Almighty God upon those to whom the conference feels that it is so much indebted.

Most members of the conference will remain in the city over night because of their not being able to make train connection that would carry them to their homes. Doubtless every member will go home with a good word for Asheville and with kindly thoughts of the 89th session of the North Carolina Conference of the M. P. Church.

REPORT OF STATIONING COMMITTEE.

Alamance, J. A. Ledbetter; Anderson, W. A. Lamar, supply; Asheboro, C. L. Whitaker; Asheville, C. W. Bates, W. C. Lessiter; Charlotte, D. A. Braswell; Cresswell, J. H. Abernathy, supply; Concord, J. R. Hutton; Davidson, J. W. Hulin, supply; Denton, G. L. Reynolds; Fallston, J. H. Moton; Fairview, J. W. Self; Flat Rock, W. P. Kennett; Forsyth, A. O. Lindley; Gaston, W. H. Naece; Greenville, D. F. Surratt; Granville, N. G. Bethea; Graham and Haw River, O. B. Willjame; Greensboro, R. M. Andrews; Guilford, S. M. Needham; Halifax, R. A. Swaringen; Haw River, W. F. Ashburn; Henderson, J. D. Williams; High Point, A. G. Dixon; LaGrange, J. W. Alfred, supply; Lebanon, R. C. Stubbins; Lincoln, D. M. Loy; Littleton, C. J. Edwards; Lenoir, H. D. Carmon, supply; Mebane, W. E. Swain; Mecklenburg, H. E. Waldrop; Mocksville, T. A. Williams; Mt. Hermon, C. H. Whitaker; Mt. Pleasant, R. O. Thoxler; Oak Ridge, L. W. Geringer; Orange, J. A. Burgess; Page, J. W. Quick, supply; Pensacola, W. D. Surratt; Piedmont, A. D. Shelton; Pinnacle and Mt. Zion, Ed Sults; Randleman, J. B. O'Brian; Randolph, W. M. Pike; Reidsville, E. G. Lowdermilk; Richland, D. A. Highfill; Roanoke, T. E. Davis; Rockingham, J. F. Alfred, supply; Saxapahaw, G. W. Holmes; Shelby, J. D. Morris; Siler City, J. H. Bowman; Stanley, W. D. Reed; St. Paul, G. F. Milloway; Spring

Church, T. F. McCulloch; Tabernacle, T. M. Johnson; Thomasville, J. E. Pritchard; Uwharrie, J. B. Crogden; Vance, A. L. Hunter; W. Forsyth, C. H. Austin; Why Not, J. H. Stowe; Winston, St. W. Taylor; Welch Memorial, D. R. Williams; Yadkin College, H. L. Powell, Parsons; W. A. Lamar, supply.

In the hands of the President.—T. H. Matthews, William Porter, J. F. Dosier, O. B. Stacy, E. M. D. Watson, M. F. Hinshaw, H. D. Thompson, D. A. Fishel, L. H. Hatley, H. W. Braswell, Homer Sasto, W. R. Lowdermilk, W. T. Martin.

Superannuates.—I. I. York, George E. Hunt, W. C. Kennett, C. E. M. Raper.

Editor of the M. P. Herald, J. F. McCulloch.

Loaned to Westminster Theological Seminary: C. E. Forlines.

Loaned to Yadkin Collegiate Institute, W. T. Totten.

Loaned to the Mission of the Good Samaritan in Asheville: J. S. Williams.

Loaned to Eastern Conference: W. A. Ledford.

Supernumeraries on Richland Circuit: W. F. McDowell.

THE NATION CALLED ON TO RETURN THANKS TO GOD.

President Wilson's proclamation designating Thursday, November 26, as Thanksgiving day reads as follows: "It has long been the honored custom of our people to turn in the fruitful autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for His many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. The year that is now drawing to a close since we last observed our day of national thanksgiving has been, while a year of discipline because of the mighty forces of war and of change which have disturbed the world, also a year of special blessing for us.

"It has been vouchsafed to us to remain at peace with honor, and in some part to succor the sufferings and supply the needs of those who are in want. We have been privileged by our own peace and self-control in some degree to steady the counsels and shape the hopes and purposes of a day of fear and distress. Our people have looked upon their own life as a nation with a deeper comprehension, a fuller realization of their responsibilities as well as of their blessings, and a keener sense of the moral and practical significance of what their part among the nations of the world may come to be.

"The hurtful effects of foreign war in their own industrial and commercial affairs have made them feel the more fully and see the more clearly their mutual interdependence upon one another and has stirred them to a helpful co-operation such as they have seldom practiced before. They have been quickened by a great moral stimulation. Their unmistakable ar-

dor for peace, their earnest pity and disinterested sympathy for those who are suffering, their readiness to help and to think of the needs of others, have revealed them to themselves as well as to the world.

"Our crops will feed all who need food; the self-possession of our people amidst the most serious trials and difficulties and the steadiness and resourcefulness of our business men will serve other nations as well as our own.

"The business of the country has been supplied with new instrumentalities and the commerce of the world with new channels of trade and intercourse. The Panama Canal has been opened to the commerce of the nations. The two continents of America have been bound in closer touch of friendship. New instrumentalities of international trade have been created, which will be also new instrumentalities of acquaintance intercourse and mutual service. Never before have the people of the United States been so situated for their own advantage or the advantage of their neighbors or so equipped to serve themselves and mankind.

"Now, therefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the 26th day of November, next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease from their wonted occupations and in their several homes and places of worship render thanks to Almighty God.

"In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington this 28th day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fourteen and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and thirty-ninth.

WOODROW WILSON.
By the President:
Robert Lansing, Acting Secretary of State.

UNION COTTON SOLD.

Monroe, Nov. 20.—J. T. Neese, of this county, killed a Duroc Jersey pig a few days ago which was eleven and a half months old and netted 500 pounds.

Fourteen wagons from the farms of R. A. Sistare, J. E. Sistare and J. R. Benton, who live in the Mt. Harmony section on the Union and Mecklenburg line, came to town in a bunch yesterday and delivered 59 bales of cotton, which brought 7.69 cents for short staple and 8 cents for Rowden. This was only a part of the crops of these gentlemen, who are close neighbors and friends. The Messrs. Sistare live on the Mecklenburg side, and Mr. Benton on the Union side. Last Friday night J. E. Sistare had his corn shucking. The corn pile was 99 feet long, 10 feet wide and three feet deep. It was estimated to contain

1,250 bushels. There was a big crowd of shuckers and after the work was finished some went home; but a little bunch of 125 people stayed and "took supper." It took a 100-pound sack of flour to feed them, with "other things accordin'."

There are a whole lot of men in the world who have grown round shouldered from carrying a \$10,000 life insurance policy.

TAX NOTICE!
SECOND AND LAST ROUND.

I will attend the following appointments for the purpose of collecting taxes. These taxes are due and must be paid, and it is every man's duty as a good citizen, to pay promptly and cheerfully.

Delinquents will take warning now that they are on the list for levy and advertisement without further notice:

- Graham: Tax books for the County open at all times.
 - Burlington: Every Saturday.
 - Albright's Township, John Holt's Store, Friday, Nov. 27.
 - Haw River Township: Haw River, Saturday, Nov. 28.
 - Pleasant Grove Township: Stainback's Store, Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 10 to 12; E. L. Dailey's Store, Thursday, Dec. 3, 12 to 9; E. C. Murray's Store, Thursday, Dec. 3, 3 to 5.
 - Faucette Township: L. H. Aldridge's Store, Friday, Dec. 4th, 10 to 2; McCray's Friday, Dec. 4th, 3 to 5.
 - Boone Station Township: J. B. Geringer's Store, Tuesday, Dec. 8th; 10 to 3.
 - Mortons Township: Aitanshaw Store, Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 10 to 2; Morton's Store, Wednesday, Dec. 9th, 3 to 5.
 - Cobles Township: Alamance Factory, Thursday, Dec. 10th, 10 to 2; Bellemont Factory, Thursday, Dec. 10th, 3 to 5.
 - Melville Township: Mebane, Friday, Dec. 11th, 10 to 5.
 - Patterson Township: Rufus Foster's Store, Monday, Dec. 14th, 10 to 2; Mr. John Holt's Residence, Monday, Dec. 14th, 3 to 5; W. H. Fogleman's Store, Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 9 to 2.
 - Newlins Township: Snow Camp, Tuesday, Dec. 15th, 3 to 5; Holman's Mills, Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 9 to 11; Sutphin's Mill, Wednesday, Dec. 16th, 1 to 4.
 - Thompsons Township: Saxapahaw, Friday, Dec. 18th, 10 to 2; Swepsonville, Friday, Dec. 18, 3 to 5.
- The law contemplates the settlement of all taxes the year in which it is listed. Under the law all taxes are subject to levy and sale November 1st, of the year in which they are listed. The law must be observed. Settle NOW and save costs and trouble.
- R. N. COOK,
Sheriff.

Suits and Overcoats are now being offered at Goodman's Clothing Store At Greatly Reduced PRICES Come and See their line



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